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Arch-terrorist Carlos the Jackal captured

PARIS (AP) — Carlos the Jackal, the most wanted terrorist in the world for the past 20 years, was arrested in Sudan and flown to France, where he stands convicted of killing two counterintelligence agents, authorities said yesterday.

Carlos, 44, born Ilich Ramirez Sanchez in Venezuela, had been under surveillance in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, on suspicion of planning attacks on foreign targets before France asked Sudan to arrest him, Sudan said.

Sudanese government spokesman Abubaker Shingiet told The Associated Press in London that Carlos was arrested "in the past few days" along with several other people. He refused to say how many others were arrested, where they

were from, or whether they were still in Sudan.

A flamboyant gun-for-hire with a penchant for the high life, Carlos has been connected to many of the most audacious terrorist actions of the 1970s and numerous attacks in France and Germany, generally linked to conflicts in the Middle East.

He got his nom de guerre early on — reportedly after British tabloids learned a copy of Frederick Forsyth's 1971 novel, *Day of the Jackal*, was found in a safe-house Carlos used in London.

Sudan said Carlos entered Sudan on a false diplomatic passport from an Arab country and was traveling with a group also carrying Arab passports. It did not name the countries involved.

Authorities had Carlos under surveillance because they doubted the validity of his passport and later learned his identity from France, the interior minister, al-Tayeb Ibrahim Mohamed Khier said.

Khier said Carlos and his associates planned to attack foreign targets so Sudan would be blamed for supporting international terrorism. It was not clear why Carlos and his group would seek to impugn Sudan.

After the arrest, the Sudanese justice minister, Abdel-Azziz Shado, urged the United States to reconsider its decision to put Sudan on list of states that sponsor terrorism, Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported.

The plea could explain Sudan's motive

for turning Carlos over. By labeling Sudan a sponsor of terrorism in August 1993, Washington cut off most American aid and made it difficult for the economically troubled country to get loans from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Michael McCurry said the action was "not sufficient to rescind the listing." However, McCurry said Sudan's cooperation was appreciated. He also praised the French government.

The French interior minister, Charles Pasqua, said Carlos arrived at the Villacoublay air base outside Paris accompanied by French counterintelligence agents. A ministry statement said he was



Carlos pictured in Sudan before his capture. (Reuters)

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Rabin: No prisoner release unless collaborator killings end



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, accompanied by Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur (l) and Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, talks to a senior officer in Kissufim yesterday, site of two terrorist attacks on Sunday. (IDF Spokesman)

ISRAEL will not negotiate the release of more Palestinian prisoners unless Fatah Hawks stop killing suspected Palestinian collaborators, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

According to an official who briefed reporters after Rabin's appearance, the prime minister indicated that at least some of them were killed during interrogation.

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Gen. Matan Vilnay.

Rabin harshly criticized the Palestinian Police's incompetence in preventing recurrent terror acts by Hamas, and lashed at its failure to apprehend the perpetrators, whether they are Hamas, Islamic Jihad, or the Rejectionist Front organizations.

"Israel cannot consent to a situation wherein the political process continues, but the Palestinian side does not fulfill its part in it or at least demonstrate a serious will and effort to minimize terror," Rabin said. "The entire agreement with the PLO is predicated on the understanding that the PLO must combat terrorism and its perpetrators. If Yasser Arafat is unable to fulfill his part, why should Israel continue implementing agreements when there is no certainty he could later comply with them?" Rabin asked.

Rabin added that he does not demand "absolute security" from Arafat, but expects the Palestinians to exhaust all available means to fight terrorism. Rabin stressed that Israel expects the Palestinian Police to act visibly to ensure the well-being of Israeli and Palestinian residents during the autonomy phase.

Barak reiterated Rabin's remarks, saying that the Palestinian Police must "get its act together, from top-level appointed officers to the last ordinary policeman. Agreements would not materialize unless the Palestinian Police shows some effective execution of policies," Barak said.

"When perpetrators of attacks are not killed and flee into the

autonomous zone, they become the responsibility of the Palestinian Police. Upon assuming responsibility for the Gaza Strip, they are also responsible for dealing with the sources and perpetrators of terror," Barak emphasized.

Rabin told the committee the issue of continued terrorism was the first issue he raised with Arafat during their talks at the Erez (Continued on Page 2)

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"In the last two months, the Fatah Hawks have been conducting investigations," the prime minister was quoted as saying. "Eleven collaborators have been killed in the Jericho area. The investigations have been conducted by their so-called security services, and they are not exactly conducted along the lines of the Landau Report," the premier said, alluding to the Israeli commission that recommended allowing only "moderate physical force" to be used during the interrogation of suspected terrorists in an effort to save the lives of potential victims.

"I have authorized the delay in prisoner releases until the killing of collaborators has stopped," Rabin was quoted as telling the committee. He said Israel would pursue those who execute suspected collaborators.

The issue of collaborators was raised in the context of a question by a committee member as to why the IDF had launched a raid against the Palestinian village of Denba, near Tulkarm. The prime minister said it occurred due to suspicion that Fatah Hawks were using the village as an execution site for collaborators.

If Hamas terror continues uninterrupted by the PLO and the Palestinian Police, Israel may decide to stall early empowerment talks with the Palestinians, Rabin said earlier in the day.

Rabin was speaking to reporters in Gush Katif, site of Sunday's two ambush attacks which killed one and wounded six Israelis. He was accompanied by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak and OC Southern Command Maj.

Rabin aide: Hamas now focusing on kidnapping, killing soldiers

HAMAS is putting a new emphasis on kidnapping and killing soldiers in a ploy to win the release of those Hamas prisoners still held by Israel, Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

Fortunately, a few soldiers escaped from the clutches of Hamas when they tried to kidnap them, Yatom said yesterday. He did not elaborate.

According to an official who briefed reporters after the panel session, Yatom said Israel had information that Hamas wanted not only to kidnap but also to kill soldiers, and bury them while telling Israelis that they are still alive in a bid to win a swap for those Hamas people held by Israel.

Yatom, a personal military aide to Rabin, said that a few Hamas perpetrators received \$9,000 each in return for killing an IDF soldier.

David Makovsky

July CPI jumps by 1.1 percent Rabin: Return to public building may be needed

INFLATION pushed ahead last month, as the Consumer Price Index jumped 1.1 percent, with housing prices stubbornly continuing to rise.

Rahamim Ozama, head of the Central Bureau of Statistics' price division, estimated that based inflation is now running at 14.5% annually.

August paychecks will include a 3.7% semi-annual cost-of-living increase, and tax brackets and tax credit, and child allowance points will be adjusted for inflation by 7.4%, the Treasury announced yesterday. In the last COL adjust-

ment six months ago, wages were adjusted by 2.3%. August's COL salary adjustment will be the highest since February 1992's increase of 5.4%.

The cost of a standard basket of goods and services for the average urban family rose to NIS 6,005, including housing, compared with NIS 5,940 in June. Excluding housing, the basket cost NIS 4,610, compared with NIS 4,570.

Housing prices have continued their upward course, despite the

government's attempts to curb them.

Responding to the index, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that the government may have to consider going back to public-sector construction to arrest climbing inflation.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel said "the index is undoubtedly high and we will need to study its consequences on the economy." Most economists predict that the central bank will raise interest rates next month in order to curb inflation.

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Israel, Jordan draft non-aggression pact

ISRAEL and Jordan have drafted a non-aggression pact that would cancel the "eastern front" military option against Israel. The draft may be included in its entirety in a future comprehensive peace agreement between the two countries.

As bilateral talks resumed yesterday, negotiators presented a security agreement which highlights a commitment to refrain from attacking each other or joining any military alliances hostile to the other party. The two sides also agreed not to allow their territories to be used as a staging area for attacks on the other, said Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, head of the Israeli team discussing security issues with Jordan at the Dead Sea.

Dayan called the pact drafted by the security committee a very important step and said it could be transferred in full to the peace treaty the two countries hope to sign in the near future.

The draft says that one state will not threaten its neighbor, either directly or indirectly, and a state will not enter into a military or other alliance, or a hostile coalition that presents a threat to the neighboring country, and that a state will not allow its territory to be used as a platform for any kind of hostile threat on its neighbor.

Dayan told reporters after the talks.

But the spokesman for the Jordanian negotiating team, Marwan Mouasher, said no solid agreement had been reached.

"There are some proposals on such matters, but they are still only under study," Mouasher told

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the Petra News Agency.

Provided it is adhered to in both letter and spirit, the agreement would virtually eliminate the former Iraqi-Jordanian component of the eastern-front, as well as prevent Syria from deploying forces in northern Jordan in the event of a war. Theoretically, the draft agreement would also mean that Saudi Arabia, a "second ring" confrontation state not sharing a border with Israel, would not be allowed to deploy hostile forces in Jordan.

Army sources monitoring Jordan reacted with enthusiasm to the draft agreement, saying it is an unprecedented non-belligerency

pact. It "would hopefully set an example for future agreements between Israel and the Arab world," one source said.

In another matter, the Jordanian representatives to the joint talks on transport at the Moriah Dead Sea Hotel yesterday accepted Israel's offer of an air corridor passing over central Israel.

The proposal, to allow the Jordanians to fly over Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, had been made by Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar. According to the Transport Ministry, his proposal was endorsed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

In the past, the Israel Air Force had objected to the route on the grounds it would unduly restrict its

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Palestinian Police arrests Hamas activists

THE Palestinian Police arrested more than 20 Hamas activists in Gaza yesterday in a bid to capture the gunmen responsible for Sunday's ambushes of Israelis that left one dead and six wounded.

The dead youth, Ron Sobel, 18, of Lehavim, was buried yesterday in Beersheba. Amir Bruckman, who suffered chest and neck wounds in the attack that killed Sobel, underwent surgery all Sunday night and was in the hospital's intensive-care unit. Mordechai Azulai, who had been listed as critical with head wounds, showed remarkable recovery following surgery and was listed in good condition yesterday.

Amos Zion, who suffered light

wounds, was released from Soroka Hospital late Sunday night. All the wounded men are from Beersheba.

Palestinian policemen forced their way into homes in Khan Yunis, Gaza, and Deir el-Balah early morning searching for fugitives. They arrested several prominent Hamas activists for questioning. The Izzadin Kassam members the police were seeking, Kamal Kheil and Ghazi Abu Tamar, were not at home, so police arrested relatives.

Most of those arrested were released later yesterday.

It is not yet clear whether the Palestinian Police is seriously pursuing the terrorists or just appeasing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who yesterday

demanded "serious efforts" to apprehend terrorists in return for progress in the autonomy talks.

The large-scale raid on homes of prominent Hamas activists, however, is a change from previous policy and apparently indicated that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat is furious that Hamas attacked Israelis inside the Palestinian Authority area.

In Amman, Hamas spokesman Ibrahim Ghosheh accused Arafat of cooperating with Rabin. A similar condemnation came from the Popular and Democratic Fronts in Damascus, AP reported.

Muhsin Abu Eita, a Hamas activist

who first became known when he spoke at a memorial gathering for six Fatah Hawks shot by soldiers in March, was arrested, but released seven hours later after signing a commitment to act lawfully. He was questioned by Mohammed Dahlan, the Gaza chief of preventive security and by Col. Ghazi Jabali, a Gaza police commander.

He told Gaza reporters close to the Islamic movement that his interrogators said: "This behavior has to end. You promised to stop attacks and now you repeat them. We are still in talks with the Israelis and our situation will be bad if this goes on."

Abu Eita claimed the police entered his house "like Israeli soldiers, kicked the doors, waking everybody. This had a bad effect on the children."

A few hundred Hamas activists demonstrated against the arrests last night in Deir el-Balah.

Palestinian Authority information head Yasser Abed-Rabbo cautiously hinted that the police would try to disarm Hamas gunmen.

"Any weapons which are not legal should be taken by the authority. There are some measures and a certain schedule which will be implemented," he told Israel Radio.

Hamas activists refused to surrender their weapons in May, saying

they feared soldiers, settlers and families of Palestinians they had killed. Police skirted the problem by saying they could keep them as long as guns did not appear in the streets, a condition clearly violated in the Sunday shootings.

Nabil Shaath, who is leading the PLO's ongoing talks with Israel, condemned the violence and "all the irresponsible elements which have in any way undertaken or supported it. We consider this a breach and a violation of the peace process." He added that "Because [the attack was] here in Gaza, we are responsible."

Item contributed to this report.



Undated file portrait of long-hunted terrorist Carlos during his heyday. (AP)

Key terror attacks attributed to Carlos

- 1973: Wounding of British millionaire Edward Sieff, a Jew whose family owns Marks and Spencers stores, in London.
- 1974: Takeover of the French Embassy in The Hague.
- 1975: Killing of two French intelligence agents who were investigating attacks on El Al planes at Paris's Orly Airport.
- Held responsible for an attack on OPEC headquarters in Vienna, in which three people were killed and 11 taken hostage. The cartel's oil ministers were taken to North Africa in a \$1 billion ransom saga.
- Among them was Ahmed Zaki Yamani, then Saudi Arabia's oil minister, who later called Carlos a "ruthless terrorist who operates with cold-blooded, surgical precision."
- Carlos remained extremely elusive. There were even reports that he had died. But as usual, word on his whereabouts was contradictory.
- By 1981, he reportedly was organizing covert operations for the Syrian government aimed at overthrowing the Iraqi government.
- In March 1982, Carlos threatened to strike the French government unless it freed two of his suspected agents, Bruno Breguet, a Swiss, and Kaupp, arrested the previous month near the Champs Elysees in Paris.
- The threat was contained in a letter bearing his fingerprints, verified by French police. It was the first proof in six years that he was alive.
- 1976: Hijacking of an Air France jetliner to Entebbe, Uganda.
- 1982: Bombing of the Paris-Toulouse express that kills six people and wounds 15.
- Bombing just off the Champs Elysees in Paris kills a pregnant woman and wounds 63 other people.
- 1983: Bombings in Marseille's main railroad terminal and on the Paris-Marseille express kill five people and wound 50.
- Bombing of French cultural center in West Berlin kills one and wounds 23. (AP)

Carlos eluded arrest for two decades

NICOSIA (AP) — Carlos the Jackal was in his day one of the most wanted terrorists in the world, a flamboyant gun-for-hire and revolutionary with a taste for the good life.

A master of disguise, he eluded the world's law enforcement agencies for more than 20 years. But his luck ran out in France, where he was reported under arrest yesterday.

The Venezuelan-born terrorist, whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, moved into the shadowy world of terrorism in 1970 when he joined the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, then at the forefront of Palestinian terrorism.

For the next 15 years he was involved in some of the most spectacular terrorist attacks around the world.

He went to Syria in 1985, when he married Magdalena Kaupp, a West German terrorist, after she was freed from prison in France. Since then, as far as was known, he has lived quietly in Damascus with his family.

The master terrorist, 1.76 meters (5'10"), heavy-set, with curly, thick brown hair, speaks Arabic, English and Russian as well as Spanish.

Carlos, born October 12, 1949, is the son of a wealthy communist Venezuelan lawyer, Jose Allagracia Sanchez, who gave each of his three sons one of the names of Russian revolutionary leader Vladimir Ilyich Lenin.

Carlos' grandfather was a guerrilla in the 1899 Venezuela revolution.

His revolutionary career began in 1964, when he joined the Communist Students' Movement in the streets of

Caracas. From there he went on to guerrilla training in Cuba.

In 1968, the Venezuelan Communist Party sponsored him to attend the Lumbumba University in Moscow, where many Third World nationalists were selected by the KGB for training as Soviet agents or as political cadres in their homelands.

Carlos, used to the good life, was frequently in trouble with the university authorities and came in contact with the PFLP and went to Jordan to train at their camps.

Carlos has said in interviews that the Popular Front assigned him to its "foreign operations" branch in 1971 and he took part in the fighting against King Hussein's army when it cracked down on the Palestinian guerrillas and eventually drove them out of the Hashemite Kingdom.

The late Wadi Haddad, leader of the breakaway PFLP-Special Command and mastermind of the group's chain of terrorist attacks, was often described as "Carlos' tutor" and the "Godfather of international terrorism."

But Carlos also was linked with the German Baader-Meinhof gang, the Turkish Popular Liberation Front, the Japanese Red Army, the Basque separatist movement in Spain and various other Palestinian organizations.

He told the *Al Watan Al Arabi* magazine in 1976 that he was the man who shot and wounded British millionaire Edward Sieff, a prominent Jew whose family owns Marks and Spencers, in London in 1973.

He is said to have had a role in the 1972 massacre of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics, the 1974 takeover of the French Embassy in The Hague and the 1976 hijacking to Entebbe of an Air France jetliner.

But Yigal Carmon, a former adviser on terrorism to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said Carlos had nothing to do with the attack in Munich.

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Freih Abu Madeen (left), in charge of justice for the Palestinian Authority, chats yesterday at the Erez checkpoint with Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath (right), as government coordinator Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothschild looks on. (Reuters)

Christopher sees peace in 1996

SUE FISHKOFF
NEW YORK

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher believes it is "entirely possible" that Israel will be at peace with all her neighbors by the end of 1996, according to an Anthony Lewis column in yesterday's *New York Times*.

In a conversation in his office, Christopher was "strikingly upbeat" about peace with Syria, Lewis wrote.

Speaking about his most recent shuttle trip to Damascus and Jerusalem, Christopher said, "Up until this last trip there was a psychological barrier. I believe they've broken through, discussing the concrete elements — the nature of peace, withdrawal, security."

Christopher warned that there are still "big gaps" in those areas between the Syrian and Israeli views.

The secretary of state emphasized, however, that in his view both Rabin and Assad want "a warm peace: trade, tourism."

Christopher also said Syrian President Assad told him during their last meeting that the Syrian people need "a lot of preparation" for peace with Israel, after years of hostility.

On the Palestinian front, Christopher told Lewis that he was urging countries that had pledged financial aid to begin Gaza projects immediately, to jump-start the Palestinian economy. He is also still urging Yasser Arafat to demonstrate the financial "accountability and transparency" that his donors expect.

David Makovsky adds:

Contrary to appeals coming from the Foreign Ministry calling for upgraded direct Israel-Syria negotiations, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin made clear yesterday that such talks, if held now, would go nowhere.

Speaking to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday, Rabin said Secretary of State Warren Christopher's periodic shuttle between Jerusalem and Damascus are more useful than such direct talks.

"If we would have direct negotiations with Syria, now, they would immediately reach a stalemate," he said, according to an official who briefed reporters after the meeting.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Three soldiers hurt near Bethlehem**
Three soldiers were slightly injured near Bethlehem when a roadside bomb exploded by their vehicle early yesterday morning. Sappers later found two more roadside bombs primed to explode in the area, the IDF said.
- Kach camps still in operation**
A Kach spokesman announced yesterday that the group had defied police and held another para-military camp for teenagers in the Hebron area. A second two-day session wound up yesterday, with 10 youths taking part, according to spokesman Itamar Ben-Gvir. The first session held last month in Kiryat Arba sparked a police investigation, still under way, as well as calls by government leaders to shut down the camp.
- Jordanians send Assad message of support**
Syrian President Hafez Assad has received a message of support from 40 Jordanian personalities who praised his approach to the Middle East peace process, officials said yesterday.
- A cable, signed by lawyers, journalists and doctors, praised in particular Assad's insistence on the achievement of a comprehensive peace settlement and Israel's full withdrawal from "occupied" Arab lands, they added. Syria criticized Jordan for adopting rapid peace moves with Israel, which included the signing of a non-belligerency declaration, and accused Amman of harming Arab coordination. *Reuters*
- Gur approves security roads**
Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur approved a two-year NIS 22 million plan yesterday to construct security roads in Judea and Samaria. In a meeting held in Gur's office, a decision was made to begin construction in the upcoming months. The plan will provide Jewish residents in the territories with alternative bypass roads that would enable them to avoid passing through Arab villages. The roads would also serve the army's movements in the territories.
- Five injured in North**
Five people were injured during a violent squabble last night in Wadi Hamam village in the Jordan Valley. The five, one of whom was in critical condition while another was moderately wounded, were taken to Poriya Hospital. Tiberias police are investigating. *(Itm)*
- Suspect in terror murder held**
Military sources last night confirmed that the General Security Service recently arrested Ibrahim Faiz Mahmoud, known as "Abu Ali," on suspicion of involvement in the murder of cab driver Ronni Levy on December 29, 1990. Mahmoud, 22, of Beni Suhella near Khan Yunis, was arrested after returning from abroad. *Itm*

IAF jets hit Hizbullah in Lebanon

DAVID RUDGE

IAF warplanes yesterday blasted Hizbullah targets north of the security zone as what has been described as the "Lebanon war of attrition" continued.

The IDF Spokesman said the attack was directed at Hizbullah targets in the J'bal Rafiah region, just north of the zone, not far from IDF and South Lebanese Army positions in the Soujoud region.

Hizbullah has been particularly active against IDF and SLA targets around Soujoud, Aishiyeh and Rehah in the past few months.

The spokesman said the targets hit were used by Hizbullah as training bases and sites for launching attacks against the zone.

The spokesman said that the pilots reported direct hits, and that all the aircraft returned safely.

Over a week ago, an IAF jet erroneously dropped a bomb on a house in Deir Zuhair, north of the zone, killing seven Lebanese civilians and wounding 17 others.

That incident led Hizbullah to fire Katyusha rockets on the Galilee, despite Israel's public statements of regret over the attack.

There were no immediate reports of any casualties as a result of yesterday's air strike, which followed several days of intermittent IDF artillery shelling of the region, apparently aimed at curtailing the activities of Hizbullah in the area.

Empowerment talks resume, opening of protected roads from Gaza to Jericho delayed

TALKS on early empowerment resumed yesterday morning near the Erez checkpoint, and sources close to the talks expect a final agreement on most of the issues to be reached by this afternoon.

Final details will apparently be worked out at a meeting tomorrow between Palestinian delegation leader Nabil Shaath and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

The government, however, decided to delay the opening of the four "protected roads" for travel by Palestinians between Gaza and Jericho, in response to the drive-by shootings in Gaza Sunday, a military source said.

At yesterday's meeting at Erez, the Israeli delegation, headed by Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothschild, gave the Palestinians a summary of the discussions held thus far on tourism, education, taxation, welfare, and health.

The Palestinian delegation, headed by Shaath, reviewed the document for several hours, before rejoining the Israelis for further talks.

Meanwhile, the Treasury announced that Palestinian customs du-

ties and taxes collected at Israeli ports in the past several weeks have reached NIS 6 million and will be transferred to the Palestinian Authority soon.

The money will be handed over to the Palestinians after Israel deducts funds for electricity, water and hospitalization costs it is owed, said Treasury Budget Director David Brodet.

In mid-July, the government transferred NIS 7m. to the Palestinian Authority from taxes and duties customs collected on its behalf.

The joint economic subcommittee on trade headed by Brodet and the Palestinian Authority's Economic Office director-general Samir Huilela, met on Sunday to discuss the implementation of the Paris economic accord's trade provisions.

The sides agreed to a joint tour of Ashdod Port to review the necessary procedures Palestinian imports will have to undergo regarding licensing, product standards and customs.

The subcommittee also appointed a

working group that will set limits on imports from Arab countries. More specifically, the working group will focus on setting next year's import quotas.

The sides also discussed the agreement that Israel reached last week with the Jordanians to allow them to export to the territories outside of the autonomous areas. Under that agreement, Israel will allow into the territories a quantity of Jordanian goods limited enough to pose no threat to Israel's industry, should the goods be diverted into the country.

Brodet suggested to Huilela that they sit together with the Jordanians to coordinate import policies, so as to insure a smooth transition when the remainder of the territories fall under the economic authority of the Palestinians.

At the Israel-Jordanian trade talks at the Dead Sea, Jordan estimated that it could export up to \$30 million worth of goods to Judea and Samaria by the end of the year.

Amir Rozenblit contributed to this report.

PRISONERS

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junction last week. The PLO leader replied by pointing out that Israel did not succeed in stopping terrorism in 27 years of control over Gaza.

Rabin said that in at least one instance, the problem was not the actual functioning of the Palestinian Police, but rather the instructions of senior non-security Palestinian officials. At the end of May, the Palestinian Police arrested Hani Abud, who the Islamic Jihad says was one of its operatives and was suspected for being involved in the killing of two IDF reservists near Erez that month. Two weeks later, he was suddenly released.

"This is very grave that he was released, since it occurred on the authorization of the [Palestinian] political echelon," Rabin said.

The prime minister also noted the Palestinians' obligation under the Oslo accord to hold elections to an interim self-rule council. He made clear the IDF would not redeploy troops throughout the territories unless genuine elections are held as called for in the Israel-PLO accord.

Policeman's wife found shot dead

POLICE last night were investigating the death of a 27-year-old woman at Moshav Ganim, a small Jewish settlement east of Jenin in northern Samaria.

The woman, whose husband is a policeman serving in the Jenin area, was reportedly found dead in her bed as a result of a gunshot wound to the head. A revolver was found nearby.

The policeman was reported to have been in the house at the time of the incident and he was being questioned last night.

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training airspace. The Israeli delegation to the talks, which is headed by Civil Aviation Authority head Menahem Sharon, includes a representative of the air force. The Jordanian representatives include a senior official of Royal Jordanian Airlines.

Yesterday the two sides discussed issues of security, communications, and air control relating to the Jordanian air corridor. The Jordanians said that as far as they are concerned, El Al may begin flying over their airspace, but Israel is still waiting for a positive reply to its request, made through the US, to overtly Saudi Arabia as well, thus enabling El Al planes to cut their flying time to the Far East.

In the bilateral energy talks yesterday, the two teams discussed linking the countries' electricity grids and arrived at some technical solutions to the problem. Such a link would not take place for at least a year after the signing of an agreement.

The heads of the joint committee on water and the environment met privately and did not speak to the press. The police committee discussed forensic techniques, with the Jordanian representatives expressing interest in Israel Police technology.

Amir Rozenblit contributed to this report.

Tiyul-Hike

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Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna and Mickey Mouse visit the pediatric department of Bnei Zion Hospital yesterday. 'Mickey Mouse - A Walt Disney Celebration on Ice,' is appearing in Haifa, and Mickey visits sick children wherever the show appears.

High Court petitioned to try commander for negligence leading to soldier's death

EVELYN GORDON

THE former commander of the army's undercover unit Duvdevan should be tried for negligently causing the death of one of his soldiers, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded yesterday.

The petition was filed by Nissim Isha, whose son, Eli, was killed by members of his own unit during an attempt to capture a wanted Arab terrorist in July 1992.

Although a military investigation determined that the commander's negligence had contributed to Isha's death, Judge Advocate-General Ilan Schiff decided that the negligence was not severe enough to warrant criminal prosecution, and Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair upheld this decision.

The commander was removed from his post and temporarily barred from promotion, but he has already been sent to a special officers training course, the petition said.

Isha charged that the decision not to open criminal proceedings against the commander was completely unreasonable, because his negligence was in fact extremely severe.

The severity lay in its multiplicity, the petition said. First, the commander failed to prepare the operation or instruct the soldiers properly. Then, in the middle of the operation, the commander changed the plan: Though Eli and his partner were supposed to be the second pair to arrive at the objective, they actually arrived first, so the commander told Eli to go forward alone - in defiance of army doctrine, which states that soldiers always move in pairs.

Worst of all, the commander failed to tell the team that was supposed to arrive first about the change in plan. It was the middle of the night; the

soldiers were in hostile territory; they were exhausted from having performed nine operations in the past 24 hours; and all were disguised as Arabs. Thus the second team, seeing an armed man, alone, apparently an Arab, and where none of their own men were supposed to be, opened fire, killing Eli.

The army had three reasons for deciding not to prosecute the commander, the petition said: the fact that operational decisions always involve grey areas; the desire not to make officers afraid to take necessary risks; and the fact that the officer was disciplined by the army itself.

With regard to the first reason, the petition argued that the "grey area" of operational decisions depends on the type of operation. In this case, the operation was planned in advance

and comparatively simple; the soldiers were not under fire; and the commander was in no danger himself, since he was directing the operation from a car in the rear. Thus, there were no extenuating factors to excuse the commander's lack of thought, the petition argued.

The second reason, the petition continued, ignores the need to deter negligence, and it gives a negligent officer more protection than an ordinary soldier guilty of negligence, which is clearly unjust.

As for the third reason, internal sanctions clearly do not serve the deterrent purpose of criminal prosecution, the petition argued.

Finally, the petition said, the army has an obligation to protect its soldiers. By failing to punish a negligent officer, the army shows that it takes this obligation lightly, and thereby badly damages its image and soldiers' morale, the petition stated.

'Yediot' publisher questioned 'under caution' in wiretap probe - 'Ma'ariv' editor summoned

RAINE MARCUS

YEDIOT AHARONOT publisher Arnon Moses was questioned under caution all day yesterday by police regarding his possible involvement in illegal wiretapping. Moses arrived at the national crime squad's Petah Tikva headquarters around 11 a.m. and had still not left by evening.

Yediot deputy manager Yisrael Shalev and security officer Haim Rosenberg were also questioned under caution.

Security company owner David Spector, who 10 days ago lodged a complaint with police against Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrod, was also summoned for questioning yesterday. He has claimed that Nimrod, using lawyer Moti Katz as an intermediary, asked him to obtain information "at all costs" that Yediot was illegally bugging phones.

As a result, Nimrod was summoned for questioning under caution several times over the past 10 days. In response, Nimrod said Spector had been employed by Yediot and Ha'aretz and was "a dubious character who had been paid large sums of money

by Yediot." He accused Spector of trying to besmirch his name.

Katz also represents private investigator Rafi Friedman, who is accused together with his partner Ya'acov Tsur of tapping the phones of hundreds of businessmen, politicians, and senior media figures. Friedman and Tsur have refused to tell police who commissioned the widespread wiretapping, which came to light when senior Yediot employee Miriam Nofech-Moses discovered her home phone was bugged.

Sources said yesterday that Moses was questioned about allegations by Ma'ariv that he paid Spector NIS 1.25 million to organize wiretapping services on behalf of Yediot. Around 18 months ago Spector commissioned the Tashbetz private investigations company to perform surveillance from a Hilton Hotel room on Nimrod's Hachsharat Ha'yishuv insurance company, to find out if Nimrod was spying on Yediot.

Documents stolen from Tashbetz

by another investigation company, Mortal, apparently found their way to Nimrod.

Yediot was also mentioned during one of Friedman's court hearings, when the accused suddenly blurted out that editor Moshe Vardi had commissioned wiretapping against former editor Dov Yudevitsky, just before the latter moved to the rival Ma'ariv.

"I didn't do it," said Friedman at the time. "But I know it happened."

The following day, Yudevitsky, who had been unaware his phone had been bugged, filed a complaint with police. Until yesterday, Yediot management had not been questioned in connection with the case.

Allegations of irregularities among Yediot senior employees also surfaced during an internal struggle over management of the daily. The case reached court and Ze'ev Moses was ousted from the management. Mimi Nofech-Moses replaced him.

Police sources would only say last night that their investigations in the complicated wiretapping case would be completed in a few weeks time.

Ruling today on release of wiretap suspects

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court will rule today on whether the state has a right to appeal two lower court decisions to release suspected wiretappers Hani Mazaki and Ya'acov Eshel on bail.

While every court ruling includes one automatic right of appeal, a second appeal requires the appellate court's permission.

In this case, both the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court and the Tel Aviv District Court have decided that Mazaki, who is being charged with nine counts of conspiracy and wiretapping, and Eshel, who is suspected of employing him, should be released on bail.

Both Mazaki and Eshel are already

under suspended sentences for a similar crime: Helping to tap the phone of Yediot Aharonot journalist Mordechai Gilat, in an attempt to discover his sources for a series of articles about former Interior Minister Arielev Deri. They are not, however, currently suspected of involvement in the headline-making case of private investigators Rafi Friedman and Ya'acov Tsur, who are suspected of tapping the phones of hundreds of media employees, politicians and businessmen.

Both of the lower courts said the two men do not constitute enough of a danger to society to justify a remand.

The state therefore asked the Supreme Court for permission to appeal these rulings. If the two men are released, the state argued, they may continue to commit similar crimes, since both are chronic wiretappers. They may also try to intimidate witnesses, the state argued.

Furthermore, the state said, wiretapping is becoming increasingly widespread, and it is necessary to treat it with appropriate severity.

Rafi Litan, one of Mazaki's attorneys, said that a request for a second appeal is relatively rare. It is generally only granted, he said, if the decision involves an important legal question.

Ethiopian couple reunited - after four years

DAVID RUDGE

AN Ethiopian couple's four-year separation caused by a mix-up during Operation Solomon came to an end yesterday when they were finally reunited after lengthy disputes and legal battles.

"It has been four difficult years for me and for the children, who were always asking after their father, and now we will be together," said Wassi Tangut Mekonen, at the Hatzotz Yassaf mobile home site, north of Acre, yesterday.

The separation of the couple began before Operation Solomon, when they lived together as a family in Addis Ababa. At that time, they received information that they would be immigrating to Israel but they did not know when.

The spokesperson for Defense for

Children International, which took up the couple's case, said that at that stage Wassi's husband decided to return to his village to try and sell their belongings and property.

He was still there when Operation Solomon took place. The spokesperson said that Wassi had informed the Israeli authorities at the scene that her husband, Nagusia Mekonen, was missing, but she was informed that "everything would be sorted out" when she arrived in Israel.

Instead, according to the DFIC spokesperson, Wassi was classed as a divorcee when she arrived in Israel and her identity card was marked as such.

She appealed to the Absorption and Interior ministries to allow her husband to immigrate, but the request was refused because of her "divorcee" status, the DFIC spokesperson said.

DFIC lawyers Prof. Michael Korindali and Yair Roness petitioned the High Court of Justice to force the Interior Ministry to allow Mekonen to immigrate.

The spokesperson said that a day before the hearing, the organization was informed by the Justice Ministry that Wassi's ID card would be corrected and her husband would be allowed to immigrate.

Mekonen was due to arrive at the Hatzotz Yassaf mobile homes site last night to be reunited with his family.

Upper Nazareth turns to army to ensure water supply

DAVID RUDGE

THE Upper Nazareth municipality yesterday appealed to OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai to assign army water tanks to help distribute drinking water to thousands of residents.

The request follows what the city spokesperson described as severe disruptions in supplies to many of the city's 40,000 inhabitants since last Wednesday.

Spokesman Eliezer Gross said the shortages - caused by a breakdown in Mekorot's pumping equipment at a well in the Beit Netofa Valley - were affecting several residential blocks.

old age homes, and factories in the area.

"We have already received assistance from the [IDF] Home Front Command, the local fire brigade and Migdal Ha'Ezra and Afeka municipalities, and established water distribution points in 26 places in the city," said Gross.

"We estimate that we will have to set up another ten or 15 such points in other places because the disruptions are likely to last a further two weeks, until Mekorot completes all the repairs at its pumping station," he said.

The municipality said the damage is running into the millions of shekels, and that after the problem is resolved, it will seek compensation from either Mekorot or the government.

The municipality has already established an emergency water headquarters, under the supervision of Acting Mayor Ronen Plot to deal with the problem.

Mekorot said yesterday that it was in constant touch with the municipality and was trying to ascertain where the problem areas were located, so it could divert water to small reservoirs in those areas.

Acre excavations unearth Crusaders' roofed road

DAVID RUDGE

EXCAVATIONS in Acre's old quarter are revealing even more of the ancient Crusader city and its gothic architecture.

The latest discovery to be uncovered at the ongoing dig is a roofed underground road, over two meters high and four meters wide, that connected the Templars' quarters with the port.

The historic passageway also served to keep disputes between the knights of the various countries at arms length, and segregate them if

necessary.

Eliezer Stern, who together with Miriam Avisar are heading the excavations on behalf of the Antiquities Authority, said they had discovered that the covered roadway branched into two, with one route leading to the quarters of knights from Genoa and the other to the quarters of knights from Pisa.

A guardhouse was discovered at

the fork in the road, which was apparently used to keep a close eye on those entering and leaving the city. The guards there could apparently close the roads in the event of internal disputes, said Stern.

The excavations are being conducted in conjunction with the Old Acre Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the municipality, as part of plans to turn Acre itself into a major tourist attraction. The covered passageway is expected to be opened to the public within a year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman killed by train in Jerusalem

A woman in her 20s was run over and killed by a train yesterday morning in Jerusalem had still not been identified by yesterday evening.

She was not carrying any documents, nor had there been any reports of a missing person fitting her description, police said. The part of the tracks where the woman was hit, in the Katamonim area, is not properly gated. Around two months ago, another pedestrian was killed near the same spot.

Benny Cohen appointed PM's spokesman

Benny Cohen, the Tel Aviv municipal spokesman who previously served as spokesman for former mayor Shlomo Lahat, has been appointed the prime minister's spokesman for internal affairs. Cohen is an attorney with a degree in psychology, and has served as a newspaper editor as well as the program director of a cable TV company.

Rabbi Avi Weiss attacks Israel's 'racism'

Activist Rabbi Avi Weiss, who is leaving Israel today, said he would raise the issue of Israel's violation of Jews' human rights with congressmen and Jewish leaders in the US. Weiss was speaking after police forced him to leave the Temple Mount for trying to pray there. He called forbidding Jews to pray on the mount a "racist position."

Last week, the outspoken civil rights leader led a demonstration against the administrative detentions of Kach members, which he called "undemocratic" and "a clear human rights violation."

Shomrat rape case sentencing set

Sentencing of four youths convicted of raping a 14-year-old girl at Kibbutz Shomrat in August 1988 will be given by the Haifa District Court on Friday, it was announced yesterday. Ophir Be'er and Tzafir Zvion, of Kibbutz Shomrat, Nadav Biton of Nahariya, and Arik Hazon of Yavze were convicted by the Supreme Court on the state's appeal of their acquittal by the district court for reasonable doubt. Probation officers have recommended sentences of community service, while the prosecution is seeking deterrent prison terms.

Demand for J'lem Religious Council election

Reform Rabbi Na'ama Kalman-Ezrahi, Conservative Rabbi Ehud Bandel and Jerusalem city council member Anat Hoffman of Meretz yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice, asking it to force Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert to bring the matter of election of Jerusalem Religious Council members before the city council. Kalman-Ezrahi and Bandel are both Meretz-supported candidates for the council.

According to the petition, Olmert is delaying the matter in order to prevent the election of the non-Orthodox rabbis to the religious council, whose membership has remained unchanged for the past ten years.

IBA to control technical side of broadcasts

The Israel Broadcasting Authority will receive complete control over the technical side of public broadcasts, according to the Yerador Commission Report which was submitted to Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni yesterday. If the commission's recommendations are accepted, the IBA would be responsible for several fields currently under the authority of either Bezeq or the ministry, such as antennas and transmitters. Aloni will discuss the report's findings with all concerned parties in the coming days.

Standardized headstones upheld

The Council for Memorializing Fallen Soldiers has reconfirmed its recommendation not to permit changes in the standard inscriptions on soldiers' gravestones, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday. The council, which consists mostly of parents who have lost a child, reconsidered its decision at the court's request, but 60 percent of the members felt the need for unity and equality outweighed the need for personal expression. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin added that parents who want a different inscription can have their son buried in a civilian cemetery instead.

The state was responding to a petition by Shmuel and Chava Wickelbaum regarding the headstone of their son, Eran. The court rejected the petition once, but is rehearing it before an expanded panel of five justices.

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the Jack of spades, Jack of hearts, King of diamonds and Jack of clubs.

Jews demonstrate in Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, (Reuter) - About 200 Jews demonstrated outside a courtroom yesterday demanding a thorough investigation of the explosion last month at a building housing major Jewish groups that killed nearly 100 people.

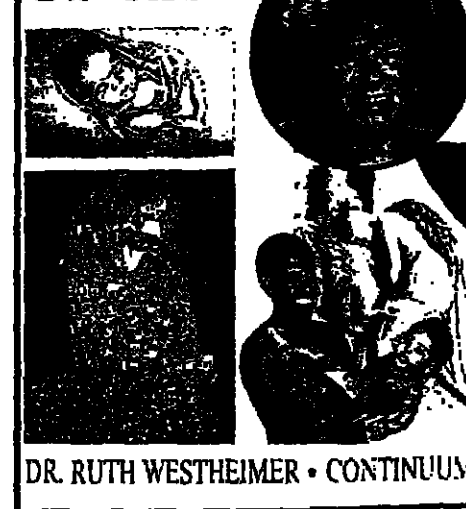
"Justice, we demand justice," one sign read.

Leaders of the protest group, which calls itself "Active Memory," also vowed that Argentina's Jewish community - the largest in Latin America - will not be bombed back into ghettos.

"We Jews cannot retreat into ghettos and build bunkers," Rabbi Sergio Bergman told the DyN news agency. "That would be conceding defeat."

Several sports events were cancelled over the weekend after some teams refused to play at Jewish clubs for fear of attacks. Mario Golsman, president of one club, said his institution will not tolerate "a return to an era of racism and discrimination."

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Zhirinovskiy still preaching only to the converted

VANORA BENNETT
MOSCOW

Russia's most feared ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy still spits fire but events are beginning to steal his thunder.

Germany yesterday rejected his bid to enter the country for a far-right gathering. A spokesman said Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel's decision was based on a legal clause which says entry may be refused in cases where "the interests of Germany may be harmed or endangered".

The reason was the same as that given when Zhirinovskiy, who has threatened Germany with a nuclear attack in the past, was denied a visa last December.

Since the dark days of Zhirinovskiy's mid-winter electoral triumph, Moscow has turned into a garishly-lit boom-town, full of powerful cars and noisy building sites.

New Russians - with dollars in their pockets and capitalism in their hearts - are too busy making money to worry about politics.

Rival politicians, too, are eroding the appeal of the extreme right-winger who has been widely quoted as threatening to unleash nuclear weapons on Germany and overrun Poland.

They have spent the time since last December, when Zhirinovskiy's Liberal Democratic Party of Russia won 24 percent of votes in parliamentary elections, hijacking

his programme - short, sharp, shocks for criminals, a retreat from radical economic reform, and more public backing for nationalist figures seen as odious in the West.

All that Zhirinovskiy has left to charm the crowds is a quick tongue and a posse of servile youths in paramilitary uniforms.

These days, Zhirinovskiy's punchy, crowd-pleasing one-liners, reminiscent of down-market tabloid newspaper headlines, appeal only to the real have-nots of the post-Soviet world.

But last weekend he showed fading popularity has not tamed his confrontational style.

Only a few hundred people had gathered to listen to him speak at a sweltering Moscow street market, standing ankle-deep in dirty puddles amid discarded litter, just behind the salesmen touting vegetables and cheap imported tins.

Mangy dogs lay panting in the sun. Elderly beggars in rags mumbled blessings and prayers to anyone who pressed a crumpled banknote into their hands. Grubby children eyed well-dressed passers-by.

But Zhirinovskiy's crowd, most of whom had the lined and anxious faces of the poor, gave their full attention to his monthly appearance at Sokolniki metro station.

"Shh. Shut up, so we can hear what he's

saying," scolded a middle-aged woman in a headscarf, putting down bulging shopping bags to wag an angry finger at two men arguing over the price of a Zhirinovskiy newspaper.

At first, there was little response when Zhirinovskiy, one hand carelessly thrust into his pocket, began his lengthy and off-the-cuff speech with a savage indictment of the Russian government.

Less than 50 years after the US dropped the atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima, he told the crowd, Russia's former ideological enemy was up to its old tricks again. This time, the Americans were bombing Russia's brothers, the Bosnian Serbs.

Where was the Russian government while this was going on? On holiday, fumed Zhirinovskiy to the wondering, upturned faces below his flag-festooned podium. He flicked his fingers at the youth holding his sunshade, ordering him to stand closer.

Nor was there any response when Zhirinovskiy said the government would return in October, after a summer holiday which laborers could not afford, to find Russia's

factories shut, unpaid workers on strike and revolution in the street.

The titters and ripples of applause began only later, when he moved on to the better-understood sins of Russia's new rich, "suffering their faces in the restaurants of Paris and London with the trillions of roubles they've nicked from you."

He said Russia's wealth had been spirited abroad by bandits, who could be seen any day taking suitcases of money out of Sheremetyevo airport, and who were happy to pay double for everything abroad because they had other people's money to burn.

"Soon all Europe will speak Russian, but it will be the language of prostitutes and criminals," he said, to a flurry of clapping. Zhirinovskiy drew laughs when he poked fun at plans to turn Russia into a nation of private property owners and shareholders, blaming the government for failing to stop the scandal-ridden MMM investment fund from operating fraudulently.

MMM share prices collapsed last week. "They told you you'd live to see granddad become a property owner. But, when you look back at this time, what will you remember? MMM will be long forgotten. All you'll remember is that this is the time granddad died early, at 67."

"What we need is a quiet life," said Zhirinovskiy, whose common-touch rhetoric sets him apart from other politicians. "Wealth comes from production. But getting rich by buying one piece of paper and selling it gives you just four months of wealth - and then a heart attack."

He blamed the government for believing the "lying words" of Western governments, who were not only dropping real bombs on the Bosnian Serbs but "propaganda bombs" of foreign goods, pornography and horror films on Russia to destroy morale. "What do we need horror films for? Our life is already quite bad enough," he said.

"The West will help," he said, but what's really happened? We have helped the West," he said. The West, he added, was not satisfied with making the rest of the world work for it. It wanted to take Russia into its workforce too.

The loudest applause was reserved for Zhirinovskiy's sneer at the goods imported for sale in crowded, scruffy markets like the one at Sokolniki.

"You buy a tin because it's all prettily wrapped and has a nice bright label. You pay a fortune for it. You take it home to eat it," he said, pausing for the punchline. "But what you don't know is that the foreign writing says it's dog food." (Reuter)

Six dead in Frankfurt brothel stranglings

FRANKFURT (Reuter) - Five prostitutes and a brothel owner were found strangled to death yesterday at a high-class Frankfurt sex club, police said.

The bodies, some of them naked, were found after an anonymous caller tipped off police that a female corpse was in the cellar of the brothel, located in a shuttered villa near the Frankfurt banking district.

A police search found the bodies of two women and the male owner in the cellar. Two more dead women were found in the first floor and another in the attic. The women had all been working in the club on Sunday night.

"As far as we can make out the people were all strangled," police spokesman Peter Oehm said.

Deputy police spokesman Peter Bocharov said there were probably at least two attackers. "It must have happened very quickly and with an element of surprise," Bocharov added. There had been no sign of violence or of forced entry and neighbors had heard no screams.

"Perhaps they came recommended as customers," he said. Bocharov added, "Some of the victims were naked. One was lying in a bed under a blanket."

Oehm described the brothel as "a sort of private club to which usually only insiders have access." Neighbors however knew exactly that the house was used for.

One neighbor, Nadia, 29, said she knew it was a brothel. "Often the girls stood naked on the balcony and sunbathed. At first I thought they made porno films there."

She added: "the people who went in there were distinguished. Men in suits, ties, older people not young." "They were nice young girls," said Anna Heer, an elderly neighbor. "You could tell it was a brothel because they frequently had sheets and towels out to dry," she said.

The girls lived on the premises, Heer added.

Another, who declined to be identified, said he knew the brothel owner, whom he only called Mr. B. He had driven an E-Type Jaguar and charged 400 marks (\$260) for entry into the club.

"Mr. B. got 250 marks (\$160) and the girls got 150 each. They were always large limousines parked outside," he said.

He said he had once rented a separate apartment to Mr. B. but had thrown him out "because neighbors had complained about the comings and goings."

Storm Beryl heads for Florida

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) - Tropical Storm Beryl swirled and gathered strength just off the coast of the Florida Panhandle yesterday as some residents were advised to evacuate.

Beryl was expected to hit the Gulf Coast on today. Victims of last month's Georgia flooding braced for a return of the heavy rains that destroyed thousands of homes and claimed 31 lives.

A tropical storm warning was in effect from Pensacola to Yankee town, just south of Cedar Key. Flood watches were posted for parts of the Florida Panhandle and southwestern Georgia.

Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles opened the state's Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee yesterday morning to monitor the storm's progress. Voluntary evacuations were ordered in sections of Dixie and Taylor counties.

UN hopes accord will stop sniping in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - An accord to end sniping in Sarajevo took effect yesterday and UN peacekeeping officials hoped it would help defuse tensions between warring factions in the Bosnian capital.

The anti-sniping agreement signed on Sunday went into effect at 1100 GMT and followed a marked increase in sniper fire that had claimed a growing number of civilian lives and forced the virtual closure of the city's tram system.

The Bosnian Serbs and the Moslem-led Bosnian government army also agreed verbally to end shooting attacks around Sarajevo airport which have shut down the UN humanitarian airlift to the city.

As part of the anti-sniping accord, Serb and Moslem officials pledged to form joint patrols with the UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR) to flush out snipers disobeying orders and prosecute them as criminals.

Gunfire halted the airlift on Thursday only two days after it resumed following an 18-day break caused by a spate of shooting incidents. The city already faces a food shortage that the United Nations says could be-

come critical without regular deliveries.

A spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said the relief airlift may resume today if UNPROFOR military flights were able to land without coming under fire.

"We hope this operation will resume tomorrow. There are meetings of the countries involved today. It's likely that with the continued safe operation of the UNPROFOR flights, UNHCR humanitarian operations will also resume," he said.

Bosnian Serbs had stepped up sniping in the capital in the past month amid international pressure to accept the latest peace plan, which they have refused to endorse.

A Bosnian Serb military officer said yesterday the peace plan required Serbs to give up too much territory and would jeopardize Serb interests.

The headline BSA commander, General Ratko Mladic, has yet to take a public stand in the power struggle between Bosnian Serb leaders and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who has cut off all ties to the rebel Serbs to force them to accept the peace plan.



A UN soldier watches Sarajevo residents walk along the infamous 'Snipers' Alley' yesterday, following the cease-fire between the Bosnian Moslems and Bosnian Serbs that came into effect earlier in the day. (Reuter)

Eighty years ago, guns of August changed Europe

NICHOLAS DOUGHTY
BRUSSELS

EIGHTY years ago this month, the great powers of Europe unleashed a war and destroyed their world, sowing the seeds of other conflicts that would blight the rest of the 20th century.

While this year has seen commemoration of World War II anniversaries such as the Allied landings in Normandy, the outbreak of World War I in August 1914 has received less attention.

Nevertheless, it was "the war to end wars" which smashed the old political order, helped give birth to communism and fascism as two of the defining ideologies of modern times and revolutionized warfare through new weapons such as the tank.

It brought the United States out of isolation and into a European conflict for the first time, setting a precedent for World War II and for decades of East-West confrontation.

The slaughter in the trenches traumatized a generation. When peace came in 1918, the victors wanted to create a new order but unwittingly laid the foundations for an even bloodier war.

The issues raised by World War I - nationalism, tensions between powerful competing states, the risk of wars spreading - find dis-

turbing echoes today, not least in Sarajevo.

It was the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Hapsburg throne, in the Bosnian capital which sparked the war.

But European leaders, managing their colonial empires and practicing 19th century power politics, had no concept of the revolution they were about to start in 1914.

Ferdinand's assassination by a Serb nationalist led the Austro-Hungarian empire to declare war on Serbia in late July.

Since Europe was bound up in a series of alliances which did little more than increase mutual feelings of insecurity, the Austro-Hungarian move triggered a doomsday machine.

Russia, anxious to protect the Serbs, mobilised - posing a threat to Austria and allied Germany. Germany declared war on Russia on August 1 and on France, Russia's ally, two days later.

German troops struck into neutral Belgium on the same day. Britain, which did not want to see ports so close to its shores seized by a major continental power, de-

clared war on Germany.

Most of the generals expected pitched battles little different from the 19th century in style. But advances in military technology transformed the battlefield.

The Western front settled into a bloody quagmire, a line of trenches stretching down through France towards Switzerland.

Machine-guns cut down tens of thousands of troops whenever they tried to advance, while massed artillery buried thousands more in the blasted landscape.

To the East, Germany defeated the Russians before the war there settled into a stalemate. There was fighting in the Middle East and in Africa, although it was not truly a global conflict.

It was the first time aeroplanes were used for military purposes, paving the way for World War II bombing campaigns which took conflict beyond the battlefield to the civilian population and produced the idea of "total war".

The tank made its first appearance during World War I. Two decades later, Hitler's generals were the ones who saw its true

potential before they unleashed their "blitzkrieg" in Europe.

Soldiers in the trenches were the first to see the horrors of chemical warfare. Both sides used poison gas.

Total casualties during the war were around eight million, with millions more wounded or crippled. But the political changes brought about turned out to be even more dramatic.

Tsarist Russia, its brittle social structures already crumbling, succumbed to the Bolshevik revolution of 1917 after its humiliation at Germany's hands. What finally emerged from civil war was a new country - the Soviet Union.

The United States, which had rejected any involvement in the intrigues of the "old world" during the 19th century, finally joined the French and British in 1917 against Germany.

US President Woodrow Wilson took the leading role in devising a peace settlement, bringing an idealistic vision of a new international system in which the principles of justice, collective security and respect for the law would prevail.

The League of Nations was a failure, largely because countries lacked the political will to enforce its principles. (Reuter)

Sri Lanka fears attack by rebel Tamils on polling day

COLOMBO (AP) - The army went on alert yesterday fearing attacks by Tamil rebels on the eve of a nationwide general election, as police reported dozens of clashes between rival political groups.

Hours before 11 million voters will head to polling stations today, a landmine set up by Tamil guerrillas exploded, killing two policemen in the northeast.

With fears of a curfew being imposed when balloting ends, residents shopped frantically for scarce bread and vegetables, whose prices trebled. Many businessmen boarded up their shops with wood or aluminum sheets fearing post-election violence.

For the first time in 17 years, the governing United National Party is facing its toughest challenge from the five-party Peoples' Alliance and many analysts say the opposition will win.

Yesterday, Tamil guerrillas fired with automatic rifles at a police patrol in Nilaveli, 240 km northeast of capital Colombo, a military spokesman said. Two policemen died when a Claymore mine exploded, he said. Police clamped a curfew yesterday in an eastern village populated mostly by the minority Moslems after a supporter of an opposition group was shot and wounded.

In the month-long runup to the elections, police have recorded 3,100 clashes and 20 deaths of supporters. More violence is feared after the results of the election are announced tomorrow.

Yesterday, police reported dozens of clashes across the country, but details were not immediately available. About 40,000 policemen will guard polling booths and houses across the country. Prime Minister Ranil Wickremasinghe and his main rival, Ms. Chandrika Kumaratunga, who is heading the opposition coalition, are expected to vote in the morning.

The stock market in Colombo reported a surge in prices during the last few days, but prices dipped a little yesterday as investors became cautious, said stock broker firm Forbes and Walker.

Meanwhile, a fringe Tamil group said it has mixed arsenic in tea bags to wreck export of the nation's biggest revenue earner.

White House, Congress seek compromise on crime bill

WASHINGTON (AP) - Speaker Tom Foley of the House of Representatives said yesterday he was willing to "pay the price" to pass President Clinton's crime bill, an indication that the White House may bend to Republican pressure to cut social programs.

"We'll work with the leadership to see if there are changes we can make that don't compromise the president's bottom line," White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers told reporters.

Myers said Clinton will not accept a bill without a ban on assault weapons, money for 100,000 police officers and some social programs that give youths an alternative to crime.

Republicans have criticized the social programs, calling them "pork" - that is, money for special interests. Myers did not rule out scaling back the social spending.

Foley, appearing on television, complained about all the "talk about social programs. This bill works with programs in existence. ... We can't solve the crime problem by just building new prisons."

But Foley suggested that pro-

grams offering youths an alternative to crime, such as midnight basketball, are negotiable. "If we have to pay the price to satisfy the critics, I'm not opposed to doing that," he said on another program.

The White House and leaders of Congress said they were willing to work together to pass Clinton's crime bill but renewed squabbling over who would have to compromise and just how much.

"The president was disappointed with this loss, but we are not going to walk away from this fight," pledged White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta. "I think we'll pass a crime bill," said Rep. Newt Gingrich, minority whip in the House.

The president was continuing his effort on behalf of the bill yesterday, bringing relatives of crime victims to the White House Rose Garden to keep pressure on Congress.

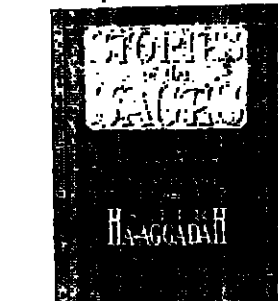
Myers signaled increased partisan bickering over the \$33 billion measure, rejecting pleas by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole and Gingrich to meet with Clinton.

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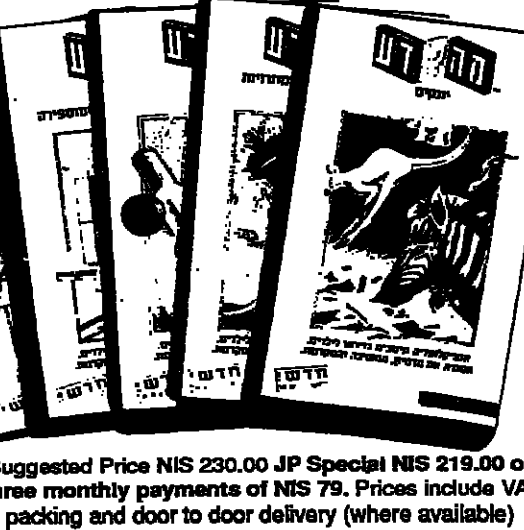
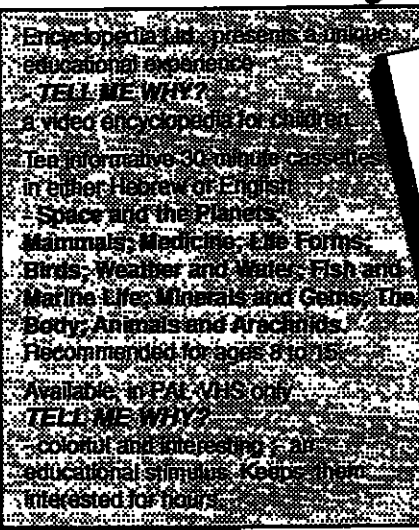
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Rwandan refugees yesterday cross the bridge which marks the border between Rwanda and Zaire at Cyangugu. The refugees are fleeing to Bukavu before the pullout of French troops from Rwanda on August 21. (Reuters)

Ministers plead with Hutus in attempt to stave off exodus

MBABANZA, Rwanda (AP) — Facing a crowd of hundreds of people who feared they may soon be victims of revenge killings, Interior Minister Seth Sendashonga tried to persuade them that "it's wonderful to be in one's home."

"Don't be afraid. The UN is here. Stay," he said. Sendashonga and other leaders went by helicopter to four areas in an effort to stem what could become the flight of 1 million or more people from a zone protected by French troops who will depart in a week.

The zone's residents, chiefly Hutus, are afraid that once the French leave they will be easy prey for rival Tutsis seeking revenge for massacres by their Hutu kinsmen.

And the Tutsi-dominated government fears further departures will paralyze the country and provide the toppled Hutu government with a mass following in exile. An estimated 2.4 million people already have fled to four neighboring countries.

As the minister spoke, hundreds of people were on the move, along the road past Mbabanza to refugee camps in nearby Zaire. Speaking at a ramshackle school compound to nearly 1,000 people — many of them forced out

of other areas of Rwanda — the interior minister promised that the zone would be protected by 5,500 UN soldiers, and that there would be a foreigner present in every two square kilometers.

"We will try to feed you. We will try to get help from foreign countries. Come help build your nation," he said to mild applause. The minister, himself a Hutu, stressed that only those who had participated in "genocide" will be punished and that international observers would be present at judicial proceedings.

The United Nations estimates as many as 500,000 people, mainly Tutsis and moderate Hutus, were killed this spring and summer in the massacres and fighting that led to the victory of the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front.

Leaders of the defeated government are trying to reorganize in the refugee camps.

"They left in cars and airplanes. They stole from the country. Why are you following them on foot?" Jacques Bihozagara, the minister for reconstruction, asked the crowd, to which UN supplied food was later distributed.

How many the ministers managed to sway was difficult to gauge. A number of people interviewed before and after the

speeches said they were still undecided whether to stay or leave. They said they wanted to see if the new UN troops could provide real security, and they wanted solid proof that the RPF and its followers would not seek revenge.

Meanwhile, across the border in Bukavu, Zaire, a near palpable fear of wholesale death and reprisals for Rwanda's massacres is the leading economic indicator at the dingy, dusty border town. Trading in misery is a growth industry.

The rusty, one-lane bridge that spans the frontier where Lake Kivu spills into the Ruzizi River is clogged with refugees and barefoot profiteers carting the spoils of a shattered and looted Rwanda in bundles balanced on their heads.

"They are looting the country. There are no police. There is no law, no order. You look in the houses, they are completely stripped, completely empty. It is impressive," said Franco Seguso, a worker with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

The feared exodus of up to a million new refugees across this border has not yet materialized. There was only a trickle of bone-weary refugees among the thousands of tattered entrepreneurs crossing the border each way yesterday.

S. Korean police clash with pro-North students

SEOUL (AP) — About 200 people were injured in four hours of violent clashes between riot police and thousands of radical students trying to hold a pro-North Korean rally, officials said yesterday.

Pierce fighting continued early yesterday as police, firing volleys of tear gas, stormed a Seoul university to break up a rally by about 10,000 radical students calling for an end to the US military presence in South Korea.

Police said they arrested 24 students. Later yesterday, most students left the campus by climbing adjacent mountains to avoid arrest. But police helicopters were seen pouring water and tear gas to disperse about 2,000 students still holding out in the campus.

Students say the stationing of 36,000 US troops in South Korea under a mutual defense treaty increases tensions on the peninsula and blocks the unification of North and South Korea.

Before the police raid, students defied a government ban and kicked off ceremonies at Seoul National University marking yesterday's anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule in 1945.

In the past, such rallies have shown a strong pro-North Korean tilt and have been marked by violent

protests against the Seoul government, which bans all contact with rival North Korea.

Violent clashes erupted when students, wielding steel and wooden sticks and rocks, fought about 7,500 police who marched into the sprawling campus firing volleys of tear gas.

"Yankee go home!" and "Down with (President) Kim Young-sam!" students shouted as they fought in clouds of acid gas.

Students overpowered dozens of police but released them later. A tear gas-launching police vehicle was overturned by angry students and about a dozen ambulances were rushed to the school to transport those injured.

Police officials said about 75 students and 120 police were injured. Some students were armed with gas masks, tear gas rifles and other riot gear they seized from police.

This year's rally brings to a head a month-long confrontation between the government and radical students over the death of long-time North Korean leader Kim Il Sung on July 8.

Authorities cracked down on radical students who expressed condolences over Kim's death. Several dozen students were arrested for being North Korean sympathizers.

Radical students regard the late

Kim as a national hero who fought against Japan's colonial rule of Korea. But most South Koreans revile him as the man who started the 1950-53 Korean War, which killed more than 2.5 million people on both sides.

Meanwhile, President Kim Young-sam yesterday offered North Korea a billion-dollar modern reactor as an inducement to open the communist country's secretive nuclear program to inspection.

Kim's offer comes in support of a deal reached in Geneva on Saturday, in which America promised to provide light-water reactors and some form of diplomatic recognition in exchange for the North's pledge to freeze its suspect nuclear weapons program.

The agreement was hailed as a breakthrough in the 17-month standoff over the North's nuclear program. Despite repeated denials, the North is suspected of trying to develop nuclear weapons.

Light-water reactors were a key North Korean demand. They would replace the North's graphite reactors, which produce more of the atomic bomb-making element plutonium.

"If and when the North guarantees the transparency of its nuclear activities, we are ready to support their development of the peaceful

use of nuclear energy, including light-water reactor construction," Kim said yesterday in a statement during a ceremony marking the 49th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japan's colonialism in 1945.

"This could well become the very first joint project for national development leading to the establishment of a single community of the Korean people," he said.

Kim said, however, that his offer of a light-water reactor will be valid only when North Korea proves that its nuclear program is peaceful, as it claims, and has no military aspect.

Enmity between the rival Koreas is deep, and there is no guarantee that the North would accept Kim's offer. But Seoul officials said North Koreans did not object to a US suggestion that reactors could be provided by South Korea.

Many Western experts believe that the North, a Stalinist state, already has enough plutonium to make at least one atomic bomb.

South Korea has an advanced nuclear power industry with nine reactors in operation and several more under construction. It can make light-water reactors on its own. A light-water reactor takes up to 10 years to build and costs about \$2 billion.

Reports: Four held in Panama plane bombing

PANAMA CITY (Reuters) — Panama's newspapers report that police have arrested four foreigners in connection with the recent bombing of a Panamanian commuter plane carrying mostly Jewish businessmen.

The Panama-America, La Prensa and El Siglo newspapers quoted police sources saying that officials were questioning the four men in relation to the July 19 bombing, which killed 21 people.

Police would not comment on the reports, and the newspapers gave no details of the arrests or the men's identities.

Investigators have said a bomb caused the plane to explode in mid-air shortly after take-off from the Atlantic port city of Colon.

A police source told La Prensa that investigators believe that one of the victims, a Lebanese man, carried the explosive on board as a suicide bomber.

He said police did not know the motive. The source quoted by La Prensa said police believe they have found a local organization sympathetic to the pro-Iranian group Hizbullah, based in Lebanon.

The plane bombing came a day after a bomb tore through a Jewish community centre in Argentina.

Mexican presidential hopeful vows to win clean election

VOWING to break with a fraud-marred past, the ruling party's candidate for president told hundreds of thousands of Mexicans he will win the election cleanly.

Ernesto Zedillo, addressing a throng of chanting supporters in Mexico City's main square yesterday, vowed to score a decisive victory Aug. 21 for the 65-year governing Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

Favored in polls to succeed President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, Zedillo said he will not be the one to break the party's 65-year unbeaten streak of presidential victories next Sunday.

"We call for democracy with dignity, for clean and legal elections," shouted Zedillo, pledging to allow a fair vote as he spoke to a crowd of as many as 300,000 people in his last large campaign rally.

Zedillo said his proposals to create 1 million new jobs and launch a war on poverty made his campaign a winner. He vowed to win a "clear majority and a clear mandate" to govern until 2000.

Salinas, who launched much-touted free-market reforms, leaves office Dec. 1, constitutionally prohibited from serving consecutive six-year terms. He steps down amid criticism that he did too little too late to bring full democracy.

The PRI has not lost a presidential election.

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since its 1929 emergence, often in elections tainted by accusations of fraud. But Zedillo's party says next Sunday's vote will be the cleanest ever.

"A credible election is the issue in this election," said Roderic Camp, a Mexico expert at Tulane University. He characterized Mexico as a nation committed to a hemispheric trade treaty with the United States, yet struggling to open politically.

For many of Mexico's 45.7 million eligible voters, the PRI is the only government they have ever known, and any other choice is unthinkable.

"Zedillo is the only candidate," said Jesus Alvarez, shouting beneath thousands of helium balloons sent aloft in the red, white and green colors of the PRI and the Mexican flag. It could be Mexico's most competitive vote in history.

Polls show Zedillo 25 percentage points ahead of his closest competitor, Diego Fernandez de Cevallos. But with one in four voters undecided or uncommitted, every vote will count.

"We are going to win!" vowed Irma Yanez

Sanchez, part of the huge crowd. Many were enticed by the PRI's giveaway of Zedillo jackets, baseball caps and T-shirts.

"All these people come to shout for Zedillo because they've been paid," scoffed Alejandro Hernandez, watching the arriving throng receiving the campaign clothing.

Cuauhtemoc Cardenas of the leftist Democratic Revolutionary Party trails both Zedillo and Fernandez in the polls. He claims fraud robbed him of the presidency in 1988 and threatens to undermine the vote again next Sunday.

The ruling party has outspent the other campaigns by more than \$20 million, but has fought vigorously to deny charges that it continues to wield power through corruption and intimidation.

A three-member team of UN experts reported late last week that reforms to Mexico's electoral system have made a clean vote possible, but not assured. "The structure of the electoral system is such that free and just elections are possible," the team said in a report of its July 9 visit.

The government has spent \$730 million to create new voter lists, issue voter ID cards with photographs, create an election fraud prosecutor and train tens of thousands of Mexican poll watchers.

(AP)

Clues to N. Ireland peace sought in Adams speech

A QUARTER of a century after the killing began in Northern Ireland, talk of peace gathers momentum but its achievement stays tantalizingly out of reach.

Few doubt that more people will die before the end of the struggle to decide whether six Protestant-dominated counties should remain under British rule or merge with the Irish Republic that makes up the rest of Ireland.

Since 1969, the conflict has cost more than 3,000 lives. Political analysts yesterday keenly studied the latest speech by Gerry Adams whose Sinn Fein party represents the political aims of the Irish Republican Army fighting to end British rule.

Addressing a rally on Sunday to mark the 25th anniversary of the deployment of British soldiers on the streets of Northern Ireland, Adams again professed a wish for peace but stopped short of accepting an olive branch offered by London and Dublin.

Under the proposed Anglo-Irish peace plan, Sinn Fein was invited to join constitutional

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talks on Ireland's future provided the IRA permanently laid down its arms.

In his speech Adams castigated hardliners in his own party who scorned a negotiated peace on any terms. But he rejected the London-Dublin view that constitutional change must await Protestant approval.

"It's another case of blowing hot and cold at the same time," one Protestant political source said.

Ken Maginnis, a spokesman for the Protestant-rooted Ulster Unionists, said an end to IRA violence could be in sight.

More support for an IRA ceasefire came from Danny Morrison, a once-militant Sinn Fein leader now serving time in jail, who said over the weekend it was time to talk about ending the fight.

A ceasefire by itself might not necessarily ensure peace. Protestant extremists, who this year have surpassed the IRA rate of killing, would fight bitterly against any-

thing they perceived as a British sellout.

Many of Northern Ireland's million Protestants dread the thought of finding themselves outnumbered three to one by Catholics in an enlarged republic.

Their sense of siege is heightened by the steadily growing proportion of Catholics, who now form 40 percent of Northern Ireland's population compared with 34 percent 12 years ago.

They also worry about a statement by Britain in the Anglo-Irish peace declaration that it no longer has any strategic or economic interest in Northern Ireland.

In fact Britain would welcome saving the four billion pounds (\$6.2 billion) it now spends on security, welfare and other costs in Northern Ireland.

Since Britain abolished regional government in Belfast 22 years ago, Protestants have seen a steady erosion of their privileges. Municipalities once gerrymandered to ensure Protestant control

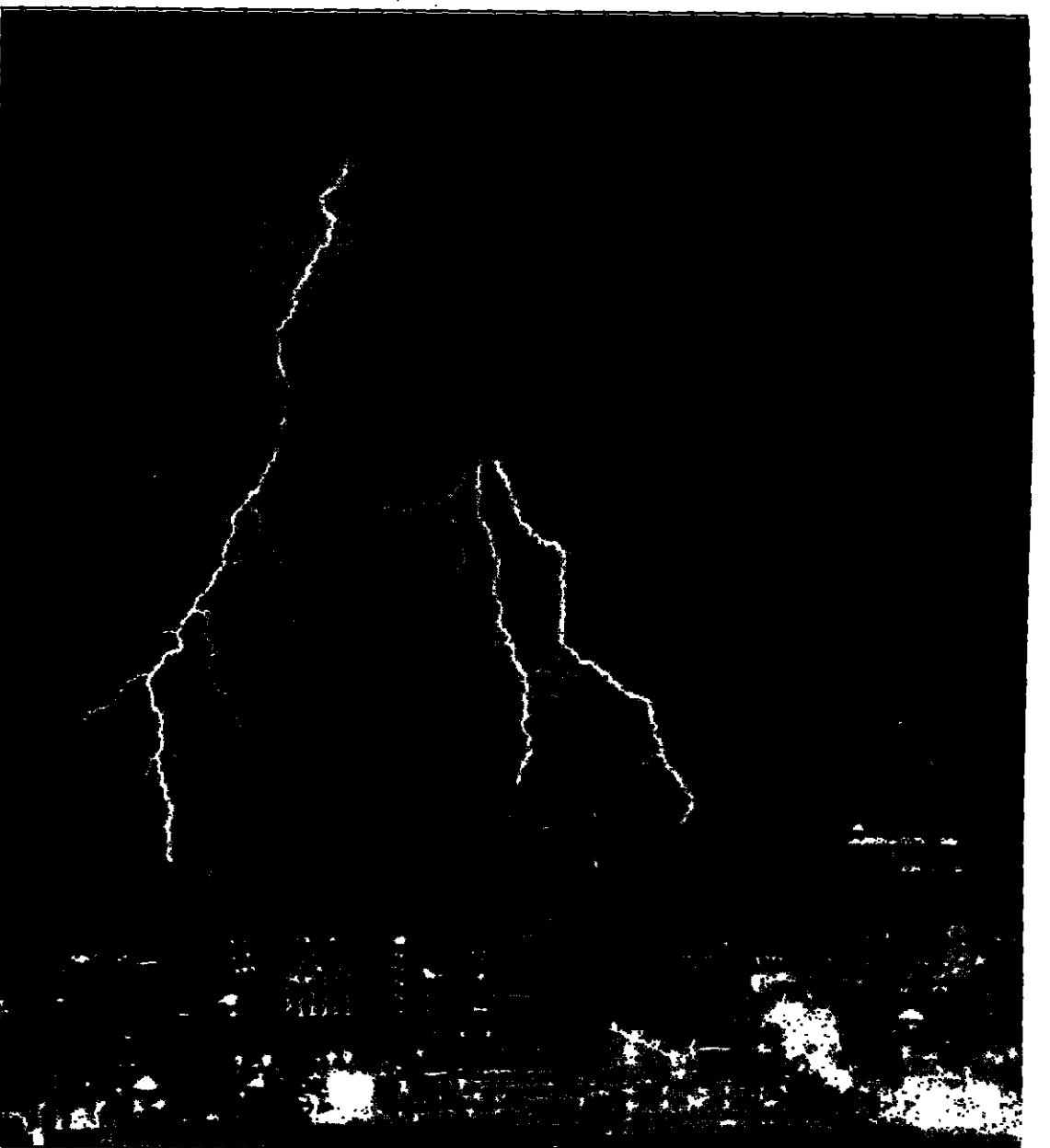
have been taken over by Catholic politicians. Discrimination in jobs and houses has been severely reduced and in some cases even swung towards the Catholics. Many, or even most, of the demands made by Catholic civil rights activists in the late 1960s have now been met.

Faced with all this, there has long been talk in Protestant enclaves of a doomsday uprising if Britain should pull out of Northern Ireland.

At the Sunday rally outside Belfast City Hall, Gerry Adams portrayed the peace process as a victory won by the IRA armed struggle against British troops.

Acting like a triumphant general in a captured city, Adams promised a cheering crowd to rename such parts of the city as Royal Avenue with a more suitably republican title.

The crowd was in no mood to reflect that Sinn Fein commands support from only about five percent of all Irish voters. This could mean that if a united Ireland ever came about, Gerry Adams might have little say in how it was run. (Reuters)



Spectacular forks of lightning strike the landscape around Tucson, Arizona, during a thunderstorm on Sunday evening. (AP)

Russian Coast Guard fires on Japanese boats

VLADIVOSTOK (Reuters) — Russian coastguards opened fire on two Japanese boats which they said were poaching fish off the disputed South Kurile islands yesterday, wounding at least one crew member, a border guard said.

Russian border guards were unrepentant after the incident, one of the most serious in the 40-year dispute between Moscow and Tokyo over the islands.

"These measures were necessary because all alternatives had been exhausted. We'll act the

same way in the future," regional border guard chief Lieutenant-General Vitaly Sedukh told Interfax news agency.

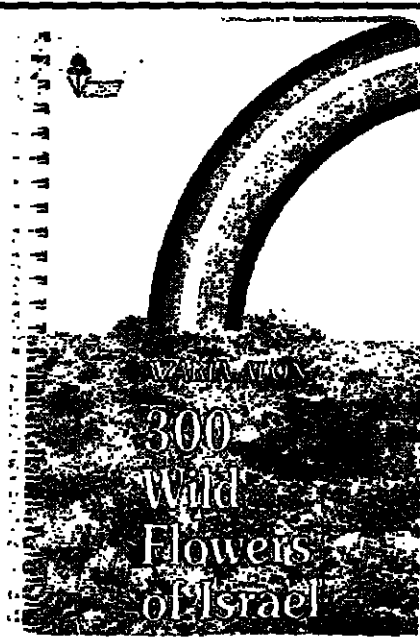
Iar-Tass news agency said a Russian coastguard vessel had caught the two unmarked Japanese boats poaching fish at 7 p.m. inside Russian Pacific waters.

The Russian vessel had ordered the boats to stop and fired several warning shots, but they ignored the command and made for home, Tass said.

A border guard official in the

Far East centre of Vladivostok said coastguards opened fire on the boats after the warnings went unheeded, hitting one of the Japanese vessels.

He said the damaged boat was being towed to a Russian port and a crew member was wounded. The incident was certain to create new tensions in the dispute over the four South Kurile islands, which were seized by Soviet troops at the end of World War Two, and clearly signalled tougher tactics by Russian coastguards.



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Puzzling revelations

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin's statement to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday was startling indeed. He said that Israel has suspended negotiations with the PLO on releasing terrorist prisoners, because the Fatah Hawks, a PLO group directly under the command of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, have recently murdered at least 11 Arabs known as "collaborators."

The announcement raises some disturbing questions. It was less than a month ago that Rabin, who minces no words, called the Likud charge that the PLO was participating in terrorist activities and thus violating its agreements with Israel "a vulgar lie." But at the time he said this, he knew that Fatah gunmen were kidnapping, torturing, and killing "collaborators" — actions that can hardly be described as anything but terrorist. One should certainly like to hope that Rabin would not differentiate between the ambush killing of Jews, which he unhesitatingly calls terrorist acts, and the torture-murder of Arabs.

Puzzling, too, is that before yesterday Rabin never mentioned these killings, although they are in flagrant violation of the Israel-PLO agreements. In fact, just the pursuit and detention of these "collaborators" constitute a breach of the accord.

Nor is this the only instance in which the public has remained ignorant of violations. A senior military source said on Sunday that at least 39 terrorist attacks with firearms have taken place in the Gaza District since the IDF withdrew from the self-rule areas. Yet most of these incidents were never reported by the army. The only information the government chose to make available was that the number of terrorist incidents had declined.

Rabin also revealed yesterday that only soldiers' wariness prevented kidnappings and murders by Hamas units which specialize in killing hitchhiking soldiers. One can only wonder if such foiled attempts were also included in the tally of terrorist incidents.

Rabin asserted that the government has spent NIS 120 million to relocate and secure "collaborators" who have helped Israel in its war against terrorism. But considering the fate that befell at least 11 of them as a result of Israeli abandonment, it is little wonder that the soldiers of the South Lebanese Army have expressed concern about their fate in case Israel decides to withdraw from the security belt in southern Lebanon. After Rabin's statement in the Knesset, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer's assurance yesterday that Israel will "guarantee the future of the SLA" must seem to them a hollow promise indeed.

The sting in empire's tail

IRELAND is a land cursed, not blessed, with anniversaries. Even this week's 25th anniversary of the return of British troops to Northern Irish streets is itself an anniversary of an anniversary. British forces were sent in after ferocious riots stemming from a Protestant Unionist march on August 12, 1969, which commemorated a successful defense of Derry city against a Catholic siege in 1689. As the republican civil rights movement counter-demonstrated over Catholics being denied votes, jobs, and houses, the Unionists stormed into the Catholic slums of Derry, sparking the three-day "battle of the Bogside."

Alarmed Nationalist politicians asked then-British prime minister James Callaghan for troops to save Catholics from a massacre. Callaghan — himself of Irish descent and realizing the implications — warned them: "I can get the troops in, but it's going to be one hell of a job to get them out again." The prophetic Callaghan admitted on Sunday that even he had never dreamed they would be still in Northern Ireland 25 years later.

While the troops first went in to protect the Catholics, it was a wake-up signal to the almost defunct Irish Republican Army that "the Brits are back on Irish soil." The "old IRA" had been uniformed heroes of Ireland's fight for independence. But the remaining members of the organization were swept aside by a new Provisional IRA which, with ruthless efficiency, added modern terrorism to a historic sense of mission to plunge Northern Ireland into the 25-year spiral of violence that has cost 3,000 lives and tens of thousands of serious injuries in the IRA's renewed fight for "Brits out."

The tragedy of Northern Ireland — like the 800-year tragedy of all Ireland before it — is a sad addition to the grim legacy of Britain's dogged refusal to understand that Ireland was an ancient Celtic nation that would not be cowed, even at the height of British imperial power. It is easy today for Britain — quite rightly — to condemn the IRA and Unionist extremists for the violence that keeps British troops in Northern Ireland. It is easier still for London to forget who is ultimately responsible and whose historic failures are this week being commemorated.

Israelis have so often been exposed to the judgmental hypocrisy of British politicians and media over the Palestinian issue that it is never difficult for them to understand the fury of the Irish, who have lived next door to it for centuries. Such incidents as a British minister once describing the use of rubber bullets against intifada Palestinians as "inhuman," to London's long-urging of Israel to talk to the terrorist PLO, were

infuriating when viewed against the British Army's Bloody Sunday — the shooting of 13 civilians in Derry, its use of rubber bullets and anti-IRA death squads, and London's total refusal to talk to the IRA until it ceases all violence.

Then there has been the endless hostile British media campaign, such as Reuters' recent "Israel, which claims to be a democracy, operates fierce censorship," down to the BBC's description last weekend of the Rwandan refugee camp in Goma as "a new Gaza Strip." How soon they forget that the denial of Northern Ireland's Catholics of one person, one vote in the great British democracy — which still denies the IRA's legal political wing access to the media — and the systematic reduction of Catholic areas of Derry and Belfast to worse than "Gaza Strips" for 40 years, were the policies that drove the nationalists to ignite the blaze that still rages.

British politicians now quickly dismiss mention of these injustices as past history and urge all parties in Northern Ireland to "move forward." But on such anniversaries as the present, it is worth remembering why there is still so much mistrust of Britain's Northern Ireland policy. The average Dubliner certainly is cynical of any sincere noises from Westminster on Ireland, and even northern Unionists constantly accuse Britain of preparing to sell them out.

The country which has been one of the strongest advocates and practitioners of foreign or UN meddling in Israel's conflict with the Palestinians has furiously resisted suggestions for a neutral UN or European Union peace-keeping force in Northern Ireland. It was also positively enraged by President Bill Clinton's proposal to send a mere American envoy to report on this "internal British issue."

If the IRA does opt for the cease-fire it is rumored to be debating, and the talks under the Anglo-Irish Accords can be pushed forward, Northern Ireland may be spared another 25 years of the British military presence. The truth that none will whisper, but which all parties realize, is that the reunification of Ireland is an historical inevitability. All that's missing is the "how."

If — assuming an IRA cease-fire — the British cannot rapidly advance the peace process by bringing their intransigent and disruptive "loyalists" to heel within the united Europe — to which Britain and Ireland both belong — the next 25 years might be better spent by giving someone else a chance to try. As Britain has often demonstrated in its Israel policy, it surely believes in the solid merits of internationalizing some difficult "internal issues."



My friend, Yehudit

DAVID S. RIBNER

WHENEVER terrorists snuff out another Israeli life, my friend Yehudit cries. She is a woman of remarkable compassion whose love for the Land of Israel and its people knows no limits. For her, each soul is precious, each loss is personal.

Yehudit sees the government's peace initiative as hopelessly flawed, and has reached that conclusion, not through blind emotionality but through copious reading, endless discussion and the application of her own considerable intellectual abilities. She is without guile: were she to accept the government's approach, she would support it wholeheartedly.

Yehudit's beliefs have augmented her existing reservoirs of courage and commitment. In opposition to Rabin's policies, she has organized and demonstrated, marched and made sandwiches, recited Psalms and confronted Peres. She has sacrificed her time and rechanneled her energies to halt a ship of state which she fears now sails inexorably toward the maelstrom.

Yehudit, and many like her, indeed represent a force to be reckoned with. From all indications, it would seem that the Labor coalition regards these citizens with somewhat more than passing concern. They possess the potential to move political mountains and their voices ring with a sincerity sorely missing from the vast majority of ministerial pronouncements.

That the government sees the need to contain this looming

threat to its policies should come as no surprise. "There's a battle outside and it's raging," sang Bob Dylan, and on the outcome of this battle hangs the fate of us all. If survival is the name of the game, then the only applicable rule of

Opposition leaders have floated their political aspirations on her sweat and tears, and offered her little in return

engagement is one that ensures victory. No one enjoys being demeaned, branded an extremist or harassed by the police, but such is the nature of this level of conflict.

INFINITELY MORE disturbing, however, is the callous and hypocritical use made of Yehudit and her colleagues by the leaders of the opposition which she so tirelessly supports.

Time and again these politicians have fanned the flames of dissension, but have failed to offer any creative alternative. Time and again this directorate has brought out the masses, only to deliver empty rhetoric and vapid diatribes.

Can they seriously maintain

that the parents of Israeli soldiers will allow their offspring to march back into Gaza and retake the land for Greater Israel? Have they offered even minimal justification for believing that anyone in the Palestinian National Council will accept autonomy in place of statehood? Have we been confronted with any evidence to suggest that opposition leaders care as much about Yehudit and her children as they care about themselves?

These echelons are not devoid of intelligence or experience, they are devoid of vision. They have floated their political aspirations on Yehudit's tears and sweat, and they have offered her shamefully little in return. They see themselves as captains of state, but their rudderless ship moves with the winds of self-interest. She and we deserve better.

Yehudit will not give up, will not lose faith, will not run away. Those in power may well continue to brand her a stumbling block on the way toward peace, but she is the essence of this country's strength and survival.

It is the opposition leadership which has betrayed her, which must stop seeing her as a pawn and taking her support for granted. With them rests the onus of providing her with wise counsel, creative options and abiding reason to follow them.

All this they have so far failed to do. Change is possible; would that it were likely.

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Settlers can cut their losses

BEN DANSKER

THE leaders of the settlement movement and their supporters established the objective of inhabiting the historic heartland of the Land of Israel. This was seen as an important part of the process of redemption of the Jewish people and the land, the cornerstones of Zionism.

Nearly 30 years later, three important facts have emerged which must be confronted by those who lead and support the movement, if its goals are not to be dealt a staggering blow.

One, massive settlement did not occur. Excluding municipal Jerusalem, hardly more than 120,000 Jews live in Judea and Samaria, representing a very small portion of the Jewish population in the Land of Israel and even a rather small portion of the so-called right wing, nationalist factions.

Second, the present government has begun a process that appears likely to lead to a formal relinquishment of control and probably even sovereignty over much, perhaps nearly all, of the territory acquired in the Six Day War. While a strong national consensus may still oppose a complete return to the pre-1967 boundaries, no such consensus supports holding on to all of the territory. Furthermore, what consensus does exist will erode to the extent that the government is successful in its efforts to build relationships with the Arab world.

Third, regardless of our dreams or wishes, and whatever may have been the case 100 years ago when Zionism began this fateful experiment, Judea-Samaria is not a land without a people and we are not a people without a land. There is a limit to our desire, if not our ability, to rule over a people that would destroy us in a minute and drive us into the sea, if they had the means.

The months of demonstrations and exacerbating tensions between the settlers and the army and police have seen an increase in support for the peace process. The unthinkable is now reality, a process has begun which will continue. At the current level of disarray within the opposition, the government need do very little to

ensure its reelection in 1996. Settlers and those who support them must understand that in order not to be perceived as fighting simply for their homes, they cannot cling to extreme positions but must find a way to articulate a vision which can be shared by a majority of the country.

The Third Way compromise is the only chance for holding on to those areas of most strategic importance

As such, a new vision must be crafted which expresses the sanctity of the land, the security needs of the nation, the goals of settlement, and which at the same time can capture the sentiment of the people. Without such a vision, the settlers stand a very good chance of being delegitimized and marginalized to the extent that their cause will be lost forever.

THE PLATFORM expounded by the Third Way movement presents such an option. Its implementation would result in retention of the 20 percent or so of Judea and Samaria in which 80 percent of the Jewish residents live. More importantly, it would result in the retention of those areas of most strategic importance and the areas in which relatively few Arabs live.

While it is true that as many as 25,000 or 30,000 Jews would either live in areas controlled by some kind of Palestinian authority, or more likely have to be resettled, their resettlement could be in those parts of Judea and Samaria which will become part of the State of Israel. The small hill-top settlements of 20, 40, even 100

families could be moved to a different hilltop, in many cases hardly 5 km. from their present location, enabling resettlement with far less trauma than otherwise would occur.

Alternatively, of course, they may remain as Jewish residents of the Palestinian authority or state, an option likely to be chosen by very few. Precedents exist for such a strategy, particularly after the War of Independence, when kibbutzim which had been on the other side of the final armistice line were moved to within the borders of the new state.

Of course, such a policy does not offer the continued implementation of the more messianic goals of settlement of all of the land, but neither does the present situation and certainly neither does the likely outcome of the current policy of the government. Messianic goals will have to wait for the Messiah. In the meantime, we must save what we can and articulate goals that can be achieved.

The settlers and their supporters have a chance to not only return to the mainstream of Zionism, but to lead it — without abandoning everything that is important to them.

The writer, an economist, is a resident of Efrat.

POSTSCRIPTS

RAISE A GLASS sometime this year: Scotch whisky is celebrating its 500th anniversary.

An ancient tax account is being touted as the earliest official record of distilling, and thus the birth of "usquabae." Entry 305 on the 1494 Scottish Exchequer Roll notes the "delivery of eight bolls of malt to Friar John Cor wherewith to make aquavite." Although distilling was probably underway long before then, this scrap of documentary proof was enough for the modern-day Scotch Whisky Association to promote the stuff.

Back in 1494 the 1,200 kilos of malt delivered to Lindores Abbey in Fife would have been enough for the industrious Friar Cor to produce

Dignity for all

DAVID FORMAN

NOT long ago, Rabbis for Human Rights petitioned the High Court of Justice to block the construction of a housing and shopping development over a Moslem cemetery.

This came on the heels of a protest over the Neshet Community Council's plan to build a highway near Haifa that would cut through a Moslem cemetery which holds Izzadin Kassam, considered to be the precursor of Hamas. In its protest, Rabbis for Human Rights wrote that Kassam's identity is irrelevant. What is relevant is "to respect the human dignity and sanctity of the cemetery."

And now we hear of the continued haredi protest at the desecration of Jewish graves to allow for technological progress. In the eyes of haredi Jews, the building of hotels, highways, bridges — coupled with archeological digs — at grave sites is a sign of blatant disrespect for the Jewish past.

And yet when such a protest is launched by the haredi world, the left goes into fits of apoplexy. Religious Jews are accused of turning the clock back, of standing in the way of progress.

That deep and abiding liberal concern for the dignity of Moslem grave sites is not translated to a

The desecration of Jewish graves should be no less upsetting than that of Moslem or Christian graves

parallel concern for Jewish grave sites.

Those on the left should not always see Orthodox protectiveness of Jewish tradition as a single-minded attempt to impose its religious will on an unsuspecting citizenry.

True, on many issues the "unholy" alliance of politics and religion does lead to a cynical exploitation of our coalition system to bring the secular community to heel before the dictates of a religious minority. But it would be wrong to assume that such shenanigans are the case here; or that they have any bearing on the merits of the haredi insistence on showing respect for the Jewish past. The desecration of Jewish graves should be no less upsetting than the desecration of Moslem or Christian graves.

SOMETIMES WE react to the form of the protest rather than to the content of it. But liberal-thinking individuals usually pride themselves in distinguishing between the two.

It is intolerable that the haredi community should put out an "archeologist hit-list." Its need to spill garbage bins on main thoroughfares, to hurl rocks at workers at building sites, to attack policemen who are protecting archeological digs are not acceptable forms of protest. It is a manner of protest that most definitely gets in the way of the message the haredim are trying to get across.

The haredi community could serve not only its cause, but that of Jewish tradition, if it brought its concerns to the public in a more creditable fashion. Haredim should use the power of persuasion. Israelis, because of their rich history, have a respect for tradition. Most Israelis realize that archeological research is necessary in uncovering our past, but also recognize that this process must be carried out with the utmost of respect and dignity.

The debate over the digs must take place within the confines of a mutual sensitivity for scientific advancement and traditional concerns. At present neither the haredi world nor the liberal secular world has understood this.

I expect my fellow liberals to take the initiative; not just to enter into a dialogue with the Orthodox community over this matter, but also to show that respect for tradition is not contradictory to a liberal world view.

The writer is spokesperson of Rabbis for Human Rights.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JEWISH RESURGENCE

Sir, — In "Either, or" *The Jerusalem Post*, July 7, Ruth Mason writes a persuasive article advocating greater acceptance and practice of Reform and Conservative Judaism among Israelis. She claims "America has seen a resurgence in all aspects of Jewish life," and points out that only 7 to 9 percent of American Jews associate themselves with Orthodoxy.

If there is a resurgence of anything Jewish in America, she must have meant the phenomena of the Ba'al Teshuva movement there, and in other countries around the world. It seems that the interest lies in authentic Jewish tradition, the type our great-grandfathers lived by, as opposed to a new and reformed religion, polluted with foreign concepts and practices.

What she also fails to mention is the troubling 60 to 70 percent intermarriage rate amongst this "vibrant, creative, non-coercive, egalitarian" class of Jews, who are "progressing" towards the brink of extinction. The question to ask is how many Americans that identify themselves as Jews in the Nineties can claim that their great-grandfather was a practicing Reform Jew?

While you may not have to be Orthodox to be Jewish, the facts show that you just may have to be Orthodox for our future generations to remain Jewish. I believe most Israelis sense this as well, and therein lies Ms. Mason's problem.

JAKOB GOLDSTEIN

Beit Shמש.

STALIN'S PROPAGANDA

Sir, — Very often I read in your paper and others the terminology "Nazi Germany." As you know this terminology was invented by Stalin to make the differentiation between East Germany — the good Germans, and West Germany — the bad Germans.

Hitler and his party were elected in a democratic way, therefore it is Germany.

Why use Stalin's propaganda?

MOSHE IVRY
Jerusalem.

HEALTH RISK

Sir, — I was absolutely horrified to see spread across four columns of your Health Page of July 24 a photo of an MDA volunteer not wearing gloves, obviously carrying out an invasive health-care procedure on a patient.

At a time when we should all be concerned at the rapid spread of diseases such as AIDS and Hepatitis B, the blatant disregard of this volunteer to take the most basic of steps to protect himself and the patient from possible blood-to-blood contact is inexcusable.

Education on how to prevent the spread of these diseases is sorely lacking in this country. By printing the photograph you join the ranks of those who say: "AIDS will never happen to me. I'm not at risk." It can happen to each and every one of us. Mandatory testing of health-care workers is unfortunately not a law in Israel, but there is no excuse for a health-care worker dealing with blood not to take the simplest of precautions and wear gloves. I, as a possible patient, surely have a right to expect at least that.

JEAN MAX

Jerusalem.

Proud to be a clown

DOUGLAS J. ROWE
NEW YORK

IN the black minidress she's wearing, Jamie Lee Curtis comes across as slinky. She's witty, bubbly.

More and more, the erstwhile "scream queen" who first gained attention with 1978's *Halloween* warns to being a physical, comic actress.

"I like being a clown. And I think a clown really is a nice way to put it, because of its mixed message that you get: A clown doesn't take itself too seriously - it can make you cry and it can make you laugh. And that's what a good clown can do," said the 35-year-old Curtis, who co-stars with Arnold Schwarzenegger in the action-adventure movie *True Lies*.

"I really look at my job as being just a female, paid movie clown," she said. "It means I can use my whole body. I'm most proud of my body work in this movie - not my physical shape, but my body language."

Curtis credited comic actor John Ritter with offering good advice.

"I remember John coming up to me and saying, 'No matter what, just remember: You have very funny feet,'" she said, demonstrating by fending off an imaginary amorous suitor with her legs and feet.

Director Terry Gilliam also urged her to concentrate on comedy, saying: "Why don't you stop

trying so hard to be a 'good actress' and do what you're good at?"

"It was a great gift he gave me, because what he was saying is, 'You're funny. You're a light, funny woman.'"

Her range of performances is wide, encompassing her early horror films, sexy roles in *Trading Places* and *Perfect*, and a tough cop in *Blue Steel*, as well as softer parts in *Dominick and Eugene* and *My Girl*.

Still, she's taking Gilliam and Ritter's advice on comedy seriously.

"Now, I'm really aware of how you can be so duplicitous, or 'triple-duplicitous,' if that's a word. You can be using so many things with each other."

"So you can be saying something, your foot can be doing something else, your hand can be doing something else" - all conveying something different, even contradictory, she said.

As Helen Tasker, the frumpy legal secretary married to a superspy who she thinks is a boring computer salesman, Curtis displays her ability to be a *Demos*-thence of body language.

She metamorphoses from mousy to macho after almost dallying in an extramarital affair and then getting involved in her husband's real business - stopping Arab terrorists.



Jamie Lee Curtis, who appears in the new release 'True Lies,' is happy to play out her lighter side. (AP/Wide World)

Once Helen has thrown off the shackles of a bored wife, she performs a striptease dance that's a fun synthesis of silliness and sexiness, leaving *True Lies* fans abuzz.

Despite her success, Curtis said it's unnatural for her to talk about the craft of acting because she

thinks of her abilities as "instinctive" (possibly that's by dint of having actress Janet Leigh and actor Tony Curtis as parents).

"I'm not a particularly intelligent human being. And beyond what my instincts tell me about something, I'm not particularly

learned," Curtis said early in the conversation.

Consequently, she describes herself as having "a very delicate confidence" and feeling anxious about the future, which beckons with a sequel to *A Fish Called Wanda*.

"I am one of those people who likes to know the end of books before I read them," she said.

"I don't like suspense. Don't like surprises at all. Never, ever throw me a surprise party.... I would probably get angry. I don't like to be surprised. It scares me."

Woodstock ends in mud

WILLIAM SPOSATO
SAUGERTIES, NY

WOODSTOCK '94 ended yesterday much as it began, with good humour by the fans amid organizational chaos.

As they poured out after the closing performance by innovative pop star Peter Dinklage, fans criticized the organizers but celebrated the experience of it all.

"The food was overpriced but the atmosphere was great," said Rachel Rango, a 20-year-old student at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

She and others also had praise for an unlikely group that took a major role in the festival.

"The New York State police were cool. They were the nicest guys we met," she said.

The praise was not really unexpected since the police stepped in Saturday when the complex shuttle bus system designed to bring fans to and from the site from remote parking lots came close to falling apart.

By Sunday, troopers had stepped in where special bus greeters had disappeared, virtually taking over the loading of passengers in an organized fashion to help keep the system moving.

Even with their efforts, there were waits of up to six hours for some buses as thousands stood in lines snaking around the parking lots.

But it was the ever-present layer of mud that kept everyone at Woodstock talking. After severe storms Saturday and early Sunday, the 840-acre site was a sea of brown sludge. Doctors reported hundreds of broken bones and sprains from those who lost their footing.

"The mud people are taking over slowly but surely," organizer John Scher said at a news conference joined by his three co-producers, noting the ever-growing number of people who became covered in mud either through falls or some frolicking.

Despite the tensions caused by the bad weather and organizational problems, the crowd estimated at nearly 350,000 people at its peak proved to be virtually free of violence.

There were only 18 arrests connected with the three-day festival and only four on the grounds.

"While the rest of the world preaches non-violence, Woodstock appears to have lived it," organizer Michael Lang said at the news conference.

Dancers take a remarkable dip in latest Dror/Ben-Gal work

DANCE REVIEW
DORA BOWDEN

SURPRISE was the main element in *Avia Omri* ("You are my soul"), the latest work created by Liat Dror and Nir Ben-Gal which premiered at the Suzanne Dellal Theater in Tel Aviv on August 11.

Yet there was little that was altogether novel in this miscellaneous assortment of moves and motifs, notions and nonsense.

Dror and Ben-Gal began their careers with a two-room frame in which they played out their prize-winning choreography.

This performance also featured "room" one with three walls strong enough to withstand the drumming of three people.

Moreover, it was a bathroom (Susanne Linke had used a bath in one of her works during a visit here from Germany), and the four-legged genuine tub had water in which three men and a woman - separately - took a dip: the men naked, the woman retaining her "black briefs," topless.

Despite all these shenanigans, this was no bare-bodied sex show. Indeed, there were even moments of elegance, as when the three men drying themselves after their ablutions had their handsome

backs turned to the audience.

Nevertheless, there were strenuous tussles between the warring sexes: couples struggling, rolling, clinching, hugging to the point of exhaustion, like wrestlers. They pulled their clothes on and off - sometimes in frustration, mostly because they were damp.

There was some silliness, too. Nir Ben-Gal himself did a solo featuring the kind of graces and gestures adults inflict on babies, and antics children treat their elders to when they discover the power of their lungs.

Weaving her way down stage from time to time was a figure (Liat Dror) in black bra and loose trousers, gyrating her hips and buttocks, waving and stretching her arms as if to say: "That's the Middle East for you" - to music by Egyptian Oum Kalthoum.

Another woman, all in white, also used the swaying belly-dance movements, both solo and in encounters with men, mostly onstage. She participated in some

amusing episodes that included sly satire. In one of them, two men (fully clothed) carried on a serious-looking discussion while she vainly tried to get their attention.

A third woman in a miniskirt also contributed some oddities, like spending a lot of time wiping up the puddles of water left by the bathers.

Of course, this was necessary because it made the floor slippery but it also made her a housewife at all costs, ignoring male attempts to attract her attention.

Funnier of all was a scene where a couple in hot embrace were closely monitored - up, down and sideways - by an investigative reporter with a microphone, apparently wiretapping their lips as well as their limbs.

Somewhat it could or should have been more coherent, less disjointed, but at moments, aided by lighting, it almost reached a glimmer of beauty. The curtain calls were numerous.

According to the unreadable program - a large poster - the remarkable performers besides the two creators were Yuval Figerman, Na'ama Gafni, Niv Sheinfeld and Roni Livni.

Fast-paced marathon of madness

THE CASE OF THE STRANGE DEATH OF THE REPUTED ANARCHIST

By Dario Fo, Hebrew, Nissim Aloni. Direction, Ilan Ronen. Set, Adrian Vaux. Costumes, Anat Messner. Lighting, Felle Ross. Music, Chai Elkayam. Hebrew title, *Hakira Hozeret B'Dvar Moto Hamazzer shel Anarchist Moshé Pak*. At Beit Liessin Theater, Tel Aviv.

The Madman... Shmuel Vilozhny... The Police... A. Hagan, Doron Tzafir.

THEATER REVIEW
NAOMI DOUDAI

did in Beit Liessin.

If not, if the tongue-twisters and frenzied babble of Tel Aviv's leading stand-up comedian only serve to tie your grasp of the holy tongue into unholy knots, or worse, leave you poker-faced and perplexed, perhaps you'd better stay away.

For in this production of one of Fo's craziest comedies, Vilozhny gives the work of Italy's supreme socio-political parodist the inimitable Vilozhny treatment. That is, he takes over the text with many emendations and improvisations

in support of his own very personal presentation. Thus transformed, *The Anarchist* almost becomes a one-man show, a marathon of Vilozhny madness rendered in familiar Israeli idiom with matching imagery and a chorus of clowns for back-up.

In Ilan Ronen's fast-paced direction, the slapstick is laid on thick and fast together with genuine touches of Italian brio. But for Hagit Dasberg - witty, cool, and eye-catching as the female of the species - and Doron Tzafir's delightfully dry, deadpan funny man, Vilozhny's overwrought presence would overrun the show.

The serious social caricature it carries, projected through his fireworks, is consumed in the process.

Prince's not-so-comely album

NEW RELEASES
TIRZAH AGASSI

PRINCE, or Symbol as he now calls himself, has a new album out called *Come* (Hed Arzi), featuring organs as a central theme.

Subtle it isn't. In fact, when the lyrics get to graphic descriptions it goes beyond soft-core pornography.

The strange, little sexual Napoleon from Minneapolis has not completely lost his remarkable talent. These 10 songs were all produced, arranged, composed and performed by Prince and his extremely competent team before his name change on June 7, 1993.

I feel like an idiot commemorating that date in print. But it reflects the amount of hype surrounding the multimillionaire author of this masterpiece of "cool funk, hot soul, smoky jazz, and sizzling rock," to quote the PR package. The album is topped off by "provocative poetry. No borders, no rules. Can't let taboos stand in our way. A release of inhibitions, a swift kick in the ass 2 the politics of repression," as Prince states in the package.

Prince is still a slick and inventive musician, and his voice is as limber as ever. Many of the instrumentals are brilliant. But he is very weird, and the fact that he is being taken so seriously is rather scary. "Come," the first cut, has an obvious message, as does the last one: "Orgasm." The finale is supposed to sound like his favorite androgynous sex symbol satis-

fying his apparently female lover. The sound effects are arousing, but it doesn't really sound like a very deep orgasm. And Prince is so obviously bent on dominating both his "lover" and us that it's not much fun.

But these two songs do not make up the entire body of this work. The album's most talked-about song is "Papa," in which Prince "comes out" about having been an abused child. It contains the album's best line: "Don't abuse children, or else they turn out like me," and it ends with the message: "If you love somebody your life won't be in vain and there's always a rainbow at the end of every rain." With its "smack, smack" chorus and its mix of genuine poetry and pathetic nursery rhyme, it is truly effective.

"Race," the staccato political number that follows, is also not bad. But "Dark" and "Solo," two confessional about how lonely it is as the psychopathological pop, are so mannered that they lose their effectiveness.

"Pheromone" is an S & M number with references to "tied hands," a pistol and masturbation. Prince, the voyeur in this number, is very turned on by this. "Loose" is for dancing, and the

first single, "Letitgo," which has a very catchy hook and is a build-up for the "Orgasm" finale, has a chorus that's supposed to get you to a real and joyous place. It's not bad, but its joy sounds forced.

What can one say? Prince's megasuccess does not bode well for the future of Western civilization. It is somewhat alarming to hear concepts and slogans about political and psychological liberation, which once had at least a smidgen of integrity, hijacked by big business.

But then again perhaps the mass psyche is in such bad shape that it takes a somewhat perverse megavehicle to get across the album's one truly worthy message about child abuse.

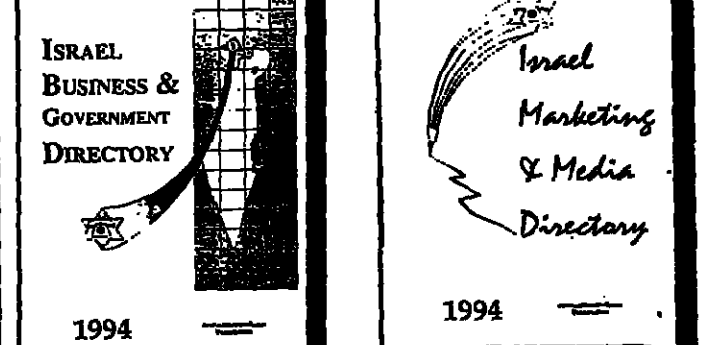
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8	8	8	MARIA CAREY	MUSIC BOX
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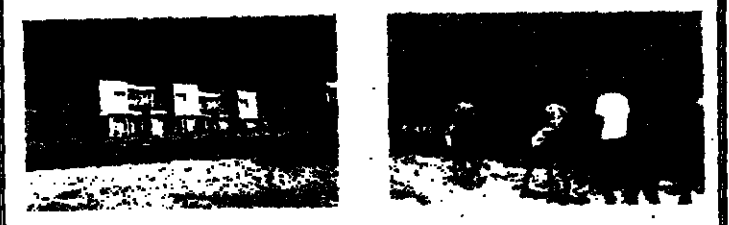
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Consumer Price Index jumps 1.1%

August paycheck to include 3.7% cost-of-living increase

JOSE ROSENFELD

INFLATION pushed ahead unabated in July, as the Consumer Price Index jumped 1.1 percent on a continued increase in housing prices.

Rahamim Ozama, head of the Central Bureau of Statistics' price division, estimated that inflation is running at 14.5% annually.

August paychecks will reflect a 3.7% semi-annual cost-of-living increase, and tax brackets and tax credit and child allowance points will be adjusted for inflation by 7.4%, the Treasury announced.

Wages were adjusted 2.3% six months ago. August's cost-of-living salary rise will be the highest since February's 1992 increase of 5.4%.

Housing prices have continued their upward course, despite the government's attempts at curbing them. Their increase has even accelerated in recent months, according to the bureau's bi-monthly housing price survey. During May and June housing prices rose 3.2%, while in the previous two months, they went up 2.1%.

Apartment prices rose 2.6% last month, while rents fell 0.4%, reflecting the 0.7% drop in the dollar and pushing overall housing prices up 2.1%. Since July 1993, housing prices have shot up 27.8%.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said, in reaction to July's high index, that the government may have to consider going back to public sector building to arrest climbing inflation.

"From the moment we transferred housing to the market forces, we

New Tax Brackets

As a result of the semi-annual cost of living wage adjustment of 3.7 percent that will be reflected in the August paychecks, the Treasury has updated tax brackets, tax credit points and child allowances by 7.4% as follows (all amounts in shekels):

Tax rate	July '94 Bracket	August '94 Bracket
15%	up to 2,430	up to 2,610
30%	2,431 - 3,860	2,611 - 4,150
35%	3,861 - 5,390	4,151 - 5,800
45%	5,391 - 8,350	5,801 - 8,980
50%	8,351 and above	8,981 and above

A Working couple's threshold is equivalent to two single people combined, and each child raises the threshold by an allowance point.

turned housing into the locomotive that is pulling with it inflation," he said. "If we don't find a way to overcome this, we may have no choice but to go back to public construction."

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat reiterated that despite the continued rise in inflation, there is no need to devalue the shekel.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel said "the index is undoubtedly high and we will need to study its consequences on the economy."

Most economists predict the central

bank will raise interest rates next month to curb inflation.

Higher housing prices have helped fuel inflation throughout the economy, as reflected by underlying inflation indicators, explains Jonathan Katz, head of Economic Modeling and Forecasting.

Underlying inflation, which excludes volatile elements in the index such as housing and fruit and vegetable prices, has increased 1% and is now standing at 10% annually.

The Producer Price Index also is rising at a higher rate of 7.8%, while

only a few months ago it was increasing at an annual rate of 6.8%.

"I don't think we're losing control or that we will reach 20% inflation by the end of the year, but we're moving away from the goal of single digit inflation," said Katz. He said inflation will be close to 13% inflation this year, compared to the 8% goal the government set.

Although fruit and vegetable prices tend to moderate overall price rises in the summer, this year's poor crop actually helped contribute to inflation, pushing up fruit and vegetable prices 21.4% since last July.

Vegetable prices shot up 7.2%, as cucumbers were 34.2% more expensive, zucchini 17.2%, carrots 16.8% and potatoes 8.4%. In contrast, fruit prices fell 1.5%, moderating the overall rise in fruit and vegetable prices to 1.9% last month.

End of the season sales pushed clothing and footwear prices down by 4.5% last month.

The bureau also published its quarterly apartment price survey which shows that nationally the average price of a dwelling rose 1.5% to NIS 362,400 from NIS 356,900 in the first quarter of the year.

In Jerusalem, the price of an average apartment rose 2.4% to NIS 481,100 from NIS 470,000. In Tel Aviv, prices jumped 4.8% over the first quarter to NIS 523,100 from NIS 498,900. The average Haifa apartment price rose 1.5% to NIS 347,600 from NIS 342,400.

In the Dan region, prices increased 2.1% to NIS 397,000 from NIS 388,700.

Sharon region apartment prices rose 3.5% to NIS 432,700 from NIS 418,100.

The cost of a standard basket of goods and services for the average urban family rose to NIS 6,005, including housing, compared with NIS 5,940 in June. Excluding housing, the basket cost NIS 4,610, compared with NIS 4,570.

July's rise brought the index to 113.1 points on a baseline averaging 100 in 1993, compared with 111.9 points in June.

Michael Yudelman adds:

The Histadrut is to open negotiations with employers and manufacturers today over a new cost-of-living agreement which will provide full compensation for inflation, Histadrut Trade Union Department chairman Amir Peretz said yesterday.

Commenting on the high index, Peretz said the Histadrut would not agree to turn inflation into an instrument by which to erode the workers' wages.

He noted that the rise in the index was caused by soaring housing prices and other issues which are totally the responsibility of the government, "so we will not let these hikes be at the expense of the working people."

Head of the Histadrut's Social and Economic Research Institute, Dr. Roby Nathanson, said that since January the index has risen 7.4%, while workers are eligible for only a 3.7% increase.

He said the buying power of the workers must be preserved.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Court holds up construction of prison in capital: The High Court of Justice issued a temporary injunction against the construction of a prison in Jerusalem's Atarot industrial zone and issued a show-cause order giving the state 45 days to explain why it should be built. The decision was in response to a petition by the Manufacturers Association, which charged that a prison there would discourage businesses from locating there and destroy the only site left in Jerusalem which has space for conventional industries.

Phoenix Company files appeal to Supreme Court: The Phoenix Company, registered in Holland, and two subsidiaries yesterday filed an appeal to the Supreme Court demanding that it overturn a creditors' arrangement reached in the Tel Aviv District Court relating to the debts of Techen, an import-export company owned by the Kibbutz Ha'arzi Movement.

Under the arrangement, Phoenix, which also deals in imports and exports, is classified as a financial creditor, and the court declared that 40 percent of Techen's debt to it need not be repaid, while another 34% would be rescheduled. Phoenix claims in its suit that it was the major supplier of Techen's imports and a major buyer of its exports. As such, it should be classified as a supplier. Under the kibbutz debt arrangements, suppliers have been given higher priority for repayment of debts than financial creditors.

Strauss Dairies makes share purchase in Kenny Rogers Roasters: Strauss Dairies will make a 50 percent share purchase in Kenny Rogers Roasters (Israel) from licensees Ace Spade Investments. Strauss, through holding company Gideon, will pay NIS 2.6 million, out of which NIS 300,000 represents the share purchase. The remainder replaces loans made by Ace Spade to Roasters.

Magic selected by Cammax retail systems: Magic Software's rapid application development system has been selected by Cammax Retail Systems, which supplies business automation systems for convenience stores and gas stations. The estimated value of the sale is \$2 million over the next 18 months.

WORLD BRIEFS

Merrill Lynch Pacific-A tops Forbes' ranking of mutual funds: Merrill Lynch Pacific-A tops Forbes' Honor Roll of mutual funds, a roster of funds that have performed well long term amid both bulls and bears, according to the magazine's latest issue.

Funds on this year's honor roll had a minimum 13 percent return compounded annually, the magazine said. Forbes surveyed 1,819 funds. Performance was measured over three complete up-and-down market cycles, starting in 1983 for domestic stock funds, it said. *Reuter*

HSBC profits up 24%, despite dealing slump: International banking group HSBC Holdings Plc yesterday announced that half-year pretax profits were up 24 percent to £1.46 billion, but the results took a hammering from a near collapse of dealing profits.

Chairman Sir William Purves said HSBC - the parent company for Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp and Britain's Midland Bank - would not be taking large positions in dealing operations until trading conditions improved. *Reuter*

Kmart profits fall 7.8% in second quarter: Kmart Corp said yesterday its profits fell nearly eight percent in the second quarter, reflecting continued troubles at the company's core discount operations. The second largest US retailer said it earned \$94 million, or \$0.20 a share, in the 13-weeks ended July 27, down from \$102m, or \$0.22 a share, in the year-ago period. *Reuter*

Ramon wants to reduce holdings in Koor Ind.

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

HISTADRUT Chairman Haim Ramon said yesterday he wants to reduce the holdings of Hevrat Ha'ovdim in Koor Industries.

Ramon also decided to sell building companies Shikun Ovim and Solal Boneh, noting that the Histadrut will no longer act as an employer but only as a federation of trade unions.

Ramon and Hevrat Ha'ovdim managing director Ben-Ami Zuckerman said several investors here and abroad are interested in purchasing Koor

stocks.

They added that part of Koor's stock might have to be put on lien to help the Histadrut pay its debts, but this will be done only when it is possible to do so legally.

The two also announced the establishment of a company, owned by the Histadrut and Hevrat Ha'ovdim, which will be in charge of managing the real estate registered in the name of Hevrat Ha'ovdim and the corporations formally controlled by it.

YBF Group announces formation of new venture fund

RACHEL NEIS

A NEW \$10 million venture fund will be entering the local market, targeting small to medium-sized businesses that are looking for both capital and management.

The YBF Group has announced the formation of Israel Diversified Capital (IDC) Fund, which will focus on early-stage investments and offering active management.

Headquartered in Tel Aviv, the group is targeting that segment of the market in need of capital up to \$500,000.

Organized as a Delaware Limited

Partnership, with only 100 units available, the IDC Fund will be offered in the United States and Canada this fall.

The YBF Group has already invested upwards of \$500,000 to identify and screen more than 200 potential projects and companies.

The fund will allocate its investments equally among high technology, mid-technology and industry and service-oriented companies.

YBF Group managers expect to place roughly half of the fund within six months.

Apply Tadiran's logic to Koor

COMMENT

NEIL COHEN

ONE must feel some sympathy for Gurion Meltzer, the outgoing managing director of Tadiran. He was given one of the toughest jobs in Israeli business, trying to save Tadiran, and largely Koor as well, when Koor couldn't find anyone else to take the post.

Meltzer turned Tadiran around beyond most people's expectations. Now he is retiring, ostensibly because he has reached retirement age, but most observers conclude from the timing and style of the announcement that it is, at least in part, a product of his dispute with Benny Gaon, Koor president and Tadiran chairman, over the company's future structure.

Gaon pushed for, and won, a reorganization of Tadiran into separate operating subsidiaries which could be floated off or stakes in which could be sold to strategic partners. Meltzer wanted Tadiran to remain an active parent, directing resource allocation and taking strategic decisions. To some extent, at least, there is logic to Gaon's position.

The businesses have little in common, with separate distribution channels and little marketing or technical synergy between the different product areas, and need to stand or fall on their own. Smaller subsidiaries, like software, may not have an independent future without strategic partners.

In addition, holding companies tend to be rated by the market based on the least attractive business, and this would hold back capital raising or acquisition activities on the part of the faster growing subsidiaries. Sunday's results paint a picture of businesses struggling to grow and under margin pressure. The long-term supply deal with Bezek will underpin revenues but will force the company to attack its cost base and preferably win new business as well to grow margins. Demerging the subsidiaries would focus their management on these tasks and should also remove a layer of management costs.

What is a little strange about the whole thing is that no one is suggesting applying the same logic to Koor.

Supreme Court upholds change in 'Yediot' board

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court yesterday upheld the replacement of Ze'ev Moses by Miriam Nofek-Moses on Yediot Aharonot's board of directors, on the grounds that the company's directors are chosen by the founding shareholders rather than by all shareholders in a general meeting.

It was ruling on an appeal by two shareholders in the company - Ze'ev Moses and Tzama Ltd. - against a decision by the Tel Aviv District Court. Had the appeal been accepted, Moses - who was chosen at the shareholders' meeting - would have remained a director.

Yediot Aharonot's corporate structure consists of 1,400 ordinary shares and 100 founding shares. According to its constitution, the founding shares hold 50 percent of the voting rights.

In 1960, however, shareholders at a special meeting unanimously decided that the company's two directors

would be chosen only by the founding shareholders - one director by those holding "A" shares and one by those holding "B" shares.

The appellants claimed that this decision violated the constitution. In granting ordinary shareholders 50% of the voting rights, the appellants argued, the constitution was trying to give them 50% of the decision-making power in the company - and this included the right to appoint directors.

However, Justices Theodor Orr, Yitzhak Zamir and Tova Strasberg-Cohen rejected this argument.

The language of the constitutional provision clearly applied only to voting rights in the shareholders' meetings, and there is nothing illegal in granting the right to appoint directors only to certain shareholders.

In this case, not only was the decision approved unanimously by all shareholders in 1960, but directors have been appointed by the founding shareholders several times since then, without any of the ordinary shareholders protesting their action, the justices noted.

Only in 1986, after a proposal to change this method of choosing directors was defeated in a shareholders' meeting, did some of the ordinary shareholders first raise the claim that the method was illegal to begin with. At that point, to ease tensions, the company decided to have the directors chosen by both the founding shareholders and at the shareholders' meeting.

But if, as in the present case, the two bodies don't agree on a choice, it is the founding shareholders whose vote is decisive.

Bezek announces cutbacks

JUDY SIEGEL

SIX hundred Bezek workers will voluntarily go on early pension, 300 will be fired and an additional 350 will retire and not be replaced, the company announced yesterday.

This decision was reached after a marathon meeting that included Histadrut and union representatives.

The move was part of Bezek's goal to eliminate 1,250 job slots by the end of this year.

The early-pension agreement and dismissals, which must still be approved by the company's board of directors and the Government Companies Authority, will cost NIS 400 million.

If the plan is approved, it opens the way for labor peace in the company, which during the past year has suffered from sanctions and tension. Bezek director-general Yitzhak Kaul said he expects the Treasury to finance the compensation to the workers, since Bezek has been forced to cut manpower by government decisions that reduced the scope of its monopoly.

Communications Minister Shlomo Aloni said he supports demands that the state "participate in" the financing of the reduced manpower scheme.

The workers also agreed to the de facto cancellation of the company's outdated bonus system, which was established when telecommunications was still controlled by the Communications Ministry over a decade ago.

Management claims this system, had serious effects on workers' productivity and established red tape and structural rigidity in the company.

The bonus system will be phased out gradually and replaced with another that allows worker mobility from one sector to another according to need, Bezek said.

No details about the new system were released. This change will allow the firm to save dozens of job slots on workers whose sole task was to measure productivity for bonuses.

The workers also agreed that the organizational structure of the company will be changed.



A representative of the Indian Embassy poses yesterday with a sign advertising the 'Man and His World Exhibition - 1994', opening tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds. India will be participating for the first time this year. (Hazon Grizinsky/Israel Sun)

Clal Insurance reports drop in second quarter net profits

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEIMAN

CLAL Insurance announced a drop in second quarter net profits to NIS 5.54 million from NIS 8.8m in the same period last year.

The company reported NIS 4m. in losses on investments, compared with first quarter losses of NIS 1.4m.

Clal attributed the decline to a NIS 18.2m. loss on the value of the company portfolio and to the change in methods of calculating accrued liabilities, which decreased profits by \$10m.

Total premiums on life insurance dropped to \$349m. from \$350m. in the same period last year. Total premiums on comprehensive insurance rose to \$671m. from \$648m.

Ararat Insurance suffered a loss of NIS 12.7m. during the second quarter, compared with net profits of NIS 3m. in the same period last year. Loss per share was NIS 1.62, compared with earnings per share of NIS 0.34 last year.

Losses on general insurance were NIS 8.3m., compared with profits of NIS 1.48m. during the same period last year. Premiums rose 7.7% to NIS 240m.

PEC Israel Economic Corporation reported a drop in second quarter net profits to \$6.1m. from net profits of \$12.3m. during the same period

last year. Revenues fell to \$10.9m. from \$17.8m., while earnings per share dropped to \$0.33 from \$0.66.

EdaSoft announced an increase in second quarter net profits to \$489,000 from \$453,000 during the same period last year.

Revenues fell to \$2.27m. from \$2.45m., while earnings per share slipped to \$0.11 from \$0.12.

Box manufacturer Cargal announced a rise in second quarter net profits to NIS 1.5m. from NIS 1.37m. during the same period last year.

Revenues rose to NIS 52.3m. from NIS 47.6m., while earnings per share went up to NIS 0.16 from NIS 0.11. The company said a 10% increase in sales and reduced production costs were the main reasons for the improvement.

Textile firm Gabor Sport suffered second quarter net losses of NIS 364,105, compared with a net profit of NIS 782,881 during the same period last year.

Revenues went up to NIS 9.6m. from NIS 7.6m.

Higher cotton prices and wages forced production costs up, while increased competition kept prices down. Finance costs also rose sharply.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.125	4.25	5.125
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.000	4.000	5.250
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.125	4.375
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.375	3.500	3.875
Yen (¥10 million)	0.825	0.750	1.000

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Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Banknotes	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	3.2450	3.2650	100	3.2450	3.2650
U.S. dollar	3.2450	3.2650	50	3.2450	3.2650
German mark	1.2943	1.2915	2.5	3.08	3.070
French franc	0.0424	0.0425	1.5	1.50	1.500
Japanese yen (¥100)	0.0088	0.0087	1.5	4.78	4.800
Deutsche mark	2.5985	2.5957	0.05	0.05	0.050
Swiss franc	1.7225	1.7207	0.05	3.28	3.270
Swedish krona	0.4355	0.4357	1.77	1.77	1.730
Danish krone	0.4652	0.4657	0.48	0.48	0.443
British pound	0.2688	0.2691	0.48	0.48	0.443
Canadian dollar	2.1782	2.1808	0.24	0.24	0.247
Australian dollar	2.2307	2.2333	0.24	0.24	0.247
Belgian franc (10)	0.2679	0.2682	0.03	0.03	0.044
Austrian schilling (10)	0.2679	0.2682	0.03	0.03	0.044
Italian lire (1000)	2.7827	2.7853	1.25	1.25	1.250
Jordanian dinar	1.8891	1.8917	1.25	1.25	1.250
Egyptian pound	—	—	4.25	4.25	4.250
ECU	4.5763	4.5789	0.67	0.67	0.670
Irish punt	3.5772	3.5798	4.47	4.47	4.470
Spanish peseta (100)	2.8173	2.8199	2.25	2.25	2.250

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US crushes Russia for world hoops crown

TORONTO (AP) — The US made 16 of its first 17 shots and led Russia 42-16 Sunday on the way to a 137-91 victory that gave "Dream Team II" the World Championship of Basketball.

The Americans made a habit of slow starts in their first seven games of the 16-team, 11-day tournament, but there was none of that in the title game.

After scoring just 40 points in the first half of Saturday night's 97-58 semifinal victory over Greece, the US matched that just 8:19 into the final and went on to its highest point total of the tournament. The most "Dream Team II" — the 1992 US Olympic team with Magic Johnson, Charles Barkley and Larry Bird — scored was 127 points.

Russia, which lost to the US 111-94 Friday night, was coming off an emotional 66-64 semifinal victory over favored Croatia, a game that ended just 15 hours before tip-off Sunday. The Russians also played without their best big man, Andrei Fetisov, who was not in uniform because of an injured right ankle.

Derrick Coleman, starting for just the third time, got the Americans going with a 3-pointer and a three-point play in the first minute of the game, and Joe Dumars followed with another 3-pointer for a 9-0 lead.

Coleman scored all of his 13 points during the 42-16 burst that started the game. After shooting 37 percent in the first half of the lachrymose semifinal victory over Greece, the US shot 71.8% (28-for-39) in the first half and

led 73-40 at halftime. Dominique Wilkins, the oldest American player at 34, led the US with 20 points. Shaquille O'Neal, who finished as the team's leading scorer with an 18.0 average and was given the tournament's MVP award, scored 18 in the final game, although he missed three 3-point attempts in the late going.

Alonso Mourning scored all of his 15 points in the second half, and Shawn Kemp finished with 14.

The final-game blowout improved Dream Team II's scoring average to 120.1, the equivalent of 144 points in a 48-minute game — the game length in the NBA. The original Dream Team averaged 117.3.

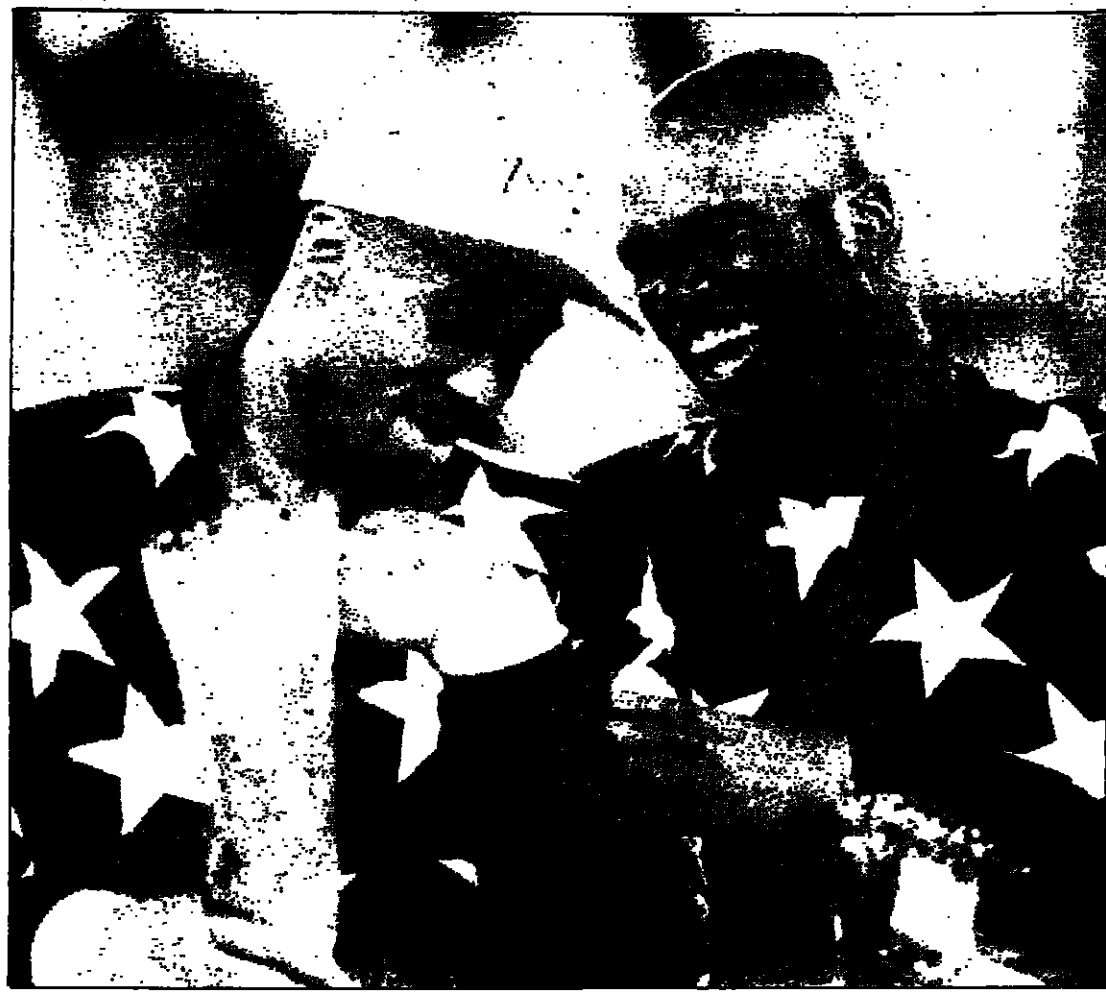
The devastating first half took any drama out of the game for the crowd of 32,616 at SkyDome.

On the political front, Richard Matienzo, Cuba's leading scorer in the tournament, and reserve forward Augusto Duquesne both sought refugee status here, a move which ended their relationship with their native country.

Both players said they felt they had to make the move to give themselves a chance to get out from under Cuba's communist rule. Team officials were just as fervent in their response to the actions.

"Our team, just like with a revolution, approaches games with conviction and with strength," coach Miguel Calderon Gomez said. "We play games for Cuba regardless of what happens."

Cuba finished 15th in the tournament.



FLOWER POWER — Shaquille O'Neal (r) compares bouquets with teammate Alonso Mourning in World Championship of Basketball awards ceremony.

Price cruises to 6-shot PGA victory

TULSA (AP) — Nick Price overpowered Southern Hills Country Club and outclassed all challengers Sunday to win the US PGA Championship in near-record fashion.

Price closed with a 3-under-par 67 and finished at 11-under-par 269 for 72 holes, six strokes ahead of Corey Pavin. It was the lowest stroke total ever in an American major championship.

A missed 4-foot par putt on the last hole cost Price a share of the US PGA record of 12-under-par set by Jeff Sluman in 1988 and tied by Paul Azinger and Greg Norman last year. His 269 broke the stroke record of 271, 9 under par, by Bobby Nichols in 1964.

Price's six-stroke margin missed by one stroke of matching the record set by Jack Nicklaus in 1980. The widest winning margin in any major championship was 13 strokes by Tom Morris in the 1862 British Open.

Greg Norman, Phil Mickelson and Nick Faldo made early runs, but Price showed he would have none of that when he birdied the third and fourth holes and ended all drama with a 20-foot birdie on No. 8, turning the front nine in 32.

In fact, only two golfers were able to pick up as much as a single stroke on Price in the final round. His 67 was bettered only by Faldo and Brad Faxon, who shot 66.

The victory, coupled with his British Open triumph last month, made

Price the first player to win consecutive major championships since Tom Watson won the US and British Opens in 1982. And it made Price the first player to win two majors in the same year since Faldo won the Masters and British Open in 1990.

No one had won the British Open and the US PGA in the same year since Walter Hagen in 1924.

It was a dominating performance by Price from start to finish. He made only seven bogeys in 72 holes, went 38 consecutive holes without a bogey, and on Saturday, when he struggled by hitting five greenside bunkers, got up and down from the sand every time.

"Today I probably played the best nine holes of my entire life, the front nine," Price said. "I knew what I had to do. I was never so nervous. But I'm just so proud of how I played the front nine."

Price said Norman's move early on spurred him on. "I looked at the board at No. 2 and when I saw that Greg went birdie I knew I had to play some golf," Price said.

The victory by the 37-year-old Zimbabwean also meant that Americans won none of the four major golf championships this year for the first time.

Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain won the U.S. Masters, Ernie Els of South Africa took the US Open and Price won the British Open.

Nottinghamshire wins in county championship

LONDON (Reuters) — Title favorites Warwickshire surrendered its unbeaten championship record when it stumbled to an innings defeat by Nottinghamshire at Edgbaston yesterday.

Their hopes of salvaging a draw disappeared in the opening half an hour when, after resuming at 134 for three, they plunged to 155 for six.

The overnight pair both contributed to their own downfall. Trevor Peeney (33) was bowled padding up to Jimmy Adams while Roger Twose, who made 80 from 151 balls, rodd on his wicket playing back to Chris Lewis.

Warwickshire's last seven wickets went down for just 99 runs in 140 minutes to leave Nottinghamshire victors by an innings and 43 runs. England all-rounder Chris Lewis took four for 86 for a match haul of six for 147. He scored an unbeaten 220 in Warwickshire's only innings.

The only crumb of comfort Warwickshire could draw from the day was that their nearest challengers Surrey fared even worse.

Essex needed just six overs at Colchester to pick up Surrey's last five wickets and romp to victory by an innings and 87 runs.

Off-spinner Peter Such claimed four for eight in three overs as Surrey limped from 187 for five to 203 all out. Such finished with six for 46 from 32 overs, the fourth time this summer he has taken five or more wickets in an innings.

The day's most exciting finish came at Eastbourne where Derbyshire's last-wicket pair Matthew Vandrain and Devon Malcolm guided their side to a victory target of 176 with a stand of 28.

England paceman Malcolm's unbeaten 15 included a huge six over long-on off Franklyn Stephenson.

County Championship Table

	P	W	L	D	Bat.	Runs
Warwickshire	13	8	1	4	33	200
Leicestershire	12	7	1	1	38	191
Surrey	13	7	5	1	25	182
Nottinghamshire	13	7	3	3	27	180
Essex	13	6	4	3	28	171
Sussex	13	6	3	4	25	165
Somerset	13	5	6	2	27	165
Gloucestershire	13	5	2	6	31	145
Kent	13	5	4	4	32	142
Northamptonshire	13	5	4	4	16	136
Lancashire	13	4	6	3	21	134
Derbyshire	13	4	7	2	21	128
Gloucestershire	13	3	7	3	19	122
Durham	13	3	8	1	27	119
Hampshire	12	3	8	4	18	112
Warwickshire	12	2	8	5	28	102
Yorkshire	12	2	8	5	26	97
Glamorgan	12	1	9	6	25	74

Chang grabs 2nd straight ATP title with win over Edberg

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Michael Chang won his second consecutive ATP Championship, routing his former nemesis, Stefan Edberg, 6-2, 7-5 in a reprise of last year's final.

While Edberg was lethargic at first, Chang was relentless, winning the first 11 points and never letting Edberg back in Sunday's match.

Edberg, also a two-time winner at the \$1.72 million ATP Championship, said he was mystified by his slow start.

Edberg called the first three games, in which Chang broke his serve twice, "a nightmare."

Each player held serve through the first 10 games of the second set. But Chang broke Edberg in game 11 and

served out for the match.

Match point was a line call that Edberg disputed.

"You can see the mark on the court," he said.

But he did not argue the call. "The match was over," he said.

"There is not a lot you can do. The guy in the chair isn't going to change the call from there."

For more than a decade, the ATP Championship has been a haven for Edberg. He's played the past 11 years and has never failed to reach at least the quarter-finals.

He's been in the semifinals eight times, and Sunday's match was his sixth final.

Chang, a five-time winner on the ATP Tour this year, is the tournament's first repeat titlist since Mats Wilander captured the crown in 1983-84.

Lara lifts Warwicks in Sunday League

LONDON (Reuters) — Leaders Warwickshire made its highest-ever Sunday League score of 294 for six as it crushed Nottinghamshire by 72 runs to stay on course for the title.

West Indian record-breaker Brian Lara blasted 75 off 72 balls to claim his highest score in one-day matches for the county while Dominic Ostler (59), Roger Twose (44) and Neil Smith (33) all made valuable contributions.

Nottinghamshire captain Tim Robinson tried hard to turn the tide with a battling 76 in 34 overs but they finished well short on 222 for nine from their 40 overs.

Second-placed Worcestershire kept its title hopes alive with a dramatic two-run victory over Leicestershire to remain four points behind — a deficit it can make up with its game in hand over Warwickshire.

Leicestershire, chasing 204 to win, fell agonisingly short on 201 for nine as Stuart Lampitt took four for 25 to slow down their run-chase. Graeme Hick (65) and Tim Curtis (51) provided the backbone of Worcestershire's winning score.

Third-placed Kent made its highest Sunday score of the season to claim a sixth successive win despite the considerable efforts of Durham's Jimmy Daley who finished unbeaten on 98.

Durham, however, could only score 196 for eight in reply to Kent's 264 for six — a total built on West Indian Kai Hooper's 77 off 91 balls.

Neil Fairbrother helped Lancashire to an easy 43-run win against old rivals Yorkshire at Headingley. He made an unbeaten 58 out of 183 to

pass 4,000 league runs.

Graham Gooch and Nasser Hussain both hit half centuries but could not save bottom side Essex from their ninth defeat of the season against Surrey.

Gooch confirmed his fitness for England's third test against South Africa next week by hammering 63, while Hussain added 61.

Surrey, chasing 217 for five, achieved victory with five balls remaining thanks to David Ward's superb 91 from 71 balls and Adam Hollis' unbeaten 49 from 47 deliveries.

Sunday League results:

At Highbury: Lancashire beat Yorkshire by 43 runs. Lancashire 183-6 innings closed (M.Fairbrother 58 not out). Yorkshire 140-9 innings closed (A.McCull 65 not out).

At Edgbaston: Derbyshire beat Essex by seven wickets. Sussex 152-6 innings closed (W.Daley 58 not out). Derbyshire 153-3 in 34.4 overs (D.Cork 66).

At Lord's: Middlesex beat Somerset by eight wickets. Somerset 159-7 innings closed. Middlesex 161-3 in 34.5 overs (J.Pooley 59, M.Roseberry 50).

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Northamptonshire by eight wickets. Northamptonshire 159 in 39.5 overs (T.Walton 72). Gloucestershire 162-2 in 37 overs (A.Wright 61 not out).

At Canterbury: Kent beat Durham by six wickets. Kent 264-6 innings closed (C.Hooper 77, M.Fleming 68). Durham 196-8 innings closed (D.West 98 not out).

At Leicestershire: Worcestershire beat Leicestershire by two runs. Worcestershire 203-8 innings closed (G.Hick 65, T.Curtis 52, P.Hepworth 51). Leicestershire 201-9 innings closed (S.Lampitt 44, D.McCarthy 42).

At Colchester: Surrey beat Essex by six wickets. Essex 217-5 innings closed (G.Gooch 63, N.Hussain 61). Surrey 219-4 in 37.1 overs (D.Edgemoor 51).

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire beat Nottinghamshire by 72 runs. Warwickshire 294-6 innings closed (B.Lara 75, D.Ostler 59). Nottinghamshire 222-9 innings closed (R.Robinson 76).

Spurs to start even

LONDON (AP) — Tottenham will start the soccer season level with the rest of the Premier League this weekend, despite having six points deducted from its total.

The FA announced yesterday that the six points it docked the club over financial irregularities will come off its total at the end of the season, so it doesn't have to face a negative total at the start.

If Spurs win at Sheffield Wednesday in the opening game of the season on Saturday, they will get the three points, like every other winning team.

The north London club was originally deducted 12 points from the start of the 1994-95 season by the FA after being found guilty of making irregular payments to players several years ago.

That total was reduced to six on appeal, which will be removed from its total after the final Saturday of the season next May.

Premier League fixtures (Saturday, August 20): Arsenal v Manchester City, Chelsea v Norwich, Coventry v Wimbledon, Crystal Palace v Liverpool, Everton v Aston Villa, Ipswich v Nottingham Forest, Manchester United v Queens Park Rangers, Sheffield Wednesday v Tottenham, Southampton v Blackburn, West Ham v Leeds.

Union chief: Beware of cheap foreigners

LONDON (Reuters) — Spiraling transfer fees are forcing English soccer clubs to buy cheap foreign players, says a leading union official, who wants a transfer price limit to counter what he regards as a damaging trend.

Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, hit out yesterday at big-money transfers like Chris Sutton's £5 million move from Norwich to Blackburn.

He said they were inflating the market, forcing less well-off clubs to look abroad for cheaper options and could be damaging to the long-term interests of the England team.

"I'm worried that fees like Sutton's are forcing clubs to look abroad. Maybe we should look at putting a cap on transfer fees — or even stopping them altogether," said Taylor.

"I am not a harbinger of doom, but

in Italy every team has to have eight Italians in it. We don't have that rule here, and that is a major problem. Only half of Manchester United's team in the Charity Shield were English."

Taylor, who is tightening his criteria for supporting applications for work permits, wants to see less money from the English game being spent overseas.

Taylor is particularly annoyed at the interest in cheap American players. Coventry almost signed US World Cup defender Alexi Lalas and have since bought his teammate Cobi Jones.

"You don't want people coming in who are no better than the people here — just cheaper," he said. "Not so long ago we were teaching the Americans how to play. Now I've got work permits for them piling up."

National pastime: Name that team

WAITING for the baseball season to restart, I began poring over the latest edition of the *Baseball Encyclopedia* (9th edition, MacMillan, 1993) and reminded myself of America's love affair with team nicknames. From the Rockets to the Cowboys to the Blue Jays — and on down to your favorite college, high school and Little League team, what's in a name?

The choice of baseball names is a study in the psyche of the American folk. They are unlike their NFL counterparts, which favor aggressive mascots, like Lions, Bears, Rams and (the newest franchisees) Panthers and Cougars. The NBA is not much better off with Wolverines, Warriors, Bulls and Hawks battling one another.

But baseball names, with a few belittling exceptions like Tigers, Pirates and Braves, attempt to become an integral part of the cities from which they come. The Rockies, Twins, Brewers, Expos and Rangers are intertwined with the history, geography or industry of their home landscapes. Then there are the cuddly Cubs and the benign Angels, the sartorially splendid Red and White Sox and the cosmopolitan Yankees and Mets. Baseball nicknames are as old as the game itself.

The AL Boston franchise, which became the Red Sox in 1902, started life as the Somersets, then mutated to the Pilgrims.

Its National League counterpart has a more checkered — and colorful — history. Now known as the Atlanta Braves, they were originally the Red Caps, Beaneaters, Doves and Rustlers. Even after they became the Braves in 1912, they had a brief period when they christened themselves the Bees. Apparently stinging an opponent was no substitute for scalping; and four years later, they reverted to

their Native American handle.

The beloved Dodgers were the Bridgegrons in the 1890s, followed by the Superbas, a brief stint as the Trolley Dodgers, a longer period as the Robins (after manager-owner Wilbert Robinson) until the Dodgers were reborn in 1931. But anyone in Flatbush will tell you to forget all that history-stuff. The team will always be "dem Bums."

That midwestern team that recently discovered night home games was originally the White Stockings, the Colts and the Orphans before settling on the Cubs in 1901.

St. Louis's NL franchise has always been color conscious. First they were the Brown Stockings, then the Maroons and the Browns, until they became the Cardinals for good in 1900.

As soon as the Browns were waived out of the NL, the AL franchise in Saint Louis pounced on it; and for half a century, they were the Browns until they became the Baltimore Orioles in 1954.

In other heralded name changes, the New York Highlanders became the Yankees in 1913. The arch-rival Giants came into this world as the Mutinos, then the Gothams before they adopted their present nomenclature in 1885. They hold pride of place as the team with the longest continuous nickname. It's a shame they couldn't hold onto place of pride.

The earliest that a present-day nickname appears is in Cincinnati, which became the Reds in 1880, four years after they saw the light of the diamond as the Red Stockings. They were the Reds until the witch hunts of the early 1950s. Fearful of Senator McCarthy's minions identi-

fying commies in the outfield, they changed their name from 1953-58 to the Redlegs. They became the Reds again after the Big Red Menace started to give way to the Big Red Machine.

The most recent name change (for a team staying put) is Houston, which began its wild west existence as the Colt .45's before going high tech with the Astros.

Other not-too-distant changes took place in Philadelphia during WWII and in Washington, DC in the '50s.

The Phillies who had been known as such since 1890, took the moniker Blue Jays in 1944-45, before returning to the Phillie phold.

Farther south, the Nationals, conceived in 1901, became the Senators only in 1957.

In the defunct leagues, there are the never-to-be-forgotten Pittsburgh Stogies of the Union Association and the Newark Peppers of the Federal League.

In the National Association, there were the obscure Brooklyn Eckfords and Elizabeth Resolutes, topped off by the completely mystifying Ft. Wayne Kewassas.

But I guess Americans should be thankful that up-and-coming fans have only two names to remember: the city and the mascot. Pity the Spaniards who must cope with 7-UP Joventut Badalona; or here at home, Maccabi Elite Tel Aviv, Hapoel Club Hotel Jerusalem, or the utterly confusing Hapoel Birra Maccabi Tel Aviv. How an alcoholic beverage ever got into the Coca Cola League is beyond me.

If the strike continues, we can always follow the exploits of Johnny's Car Care Black Knights duking it out with the All-State Insurance Green Dragons.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Junior handball tourney in Petah Tikva

Defending champion Portugal is favored to repeat in the second European Junior Handball Championship which will begin on Saturday night at Petah Tikva.

The other seeded teams, in order, are Russia, Spain, Norway, Germany, Israel, Austria and Switzerland.

Rounding out the 17-nation tournament are Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, Macedonia, Peru, Romania and Sweden.

TA, Netanya in cricket playoffs

Tel Aviv, Netanya, Eleven Stars, Young Ashdod, Ashdod A, Ramle, Neveth Yonathan and Lions Ltd have qualified for next month's playoffs.

Lions Ltd 72/5 beat Dimona 71 (Benny David 7/26).

Tel Aviv 79/0 (Mark Hamburger 41 n.o., Stanley Perlman 35 n.o.) beat Lod 78 (Alan Moss 5/11).

Eleven Stars 187/2 (Aryeh Awaskar 36, Simon Aharon 35 n.o., Shimon Walwaker 63) beat Dimona C 183 (Jackie Divakar 56, Zion Moshe 3/27).

Ashdod A 221 (Hillel Awaskar 38, Ruel Samson 3/65, Nissan Reuben Jr. 3/36) beat Ramle 102 (Rafi Samson 40, Hillel Awaskar 3/24, Asher Wadwaker 3/28).

Netanya 146 (Richard Nickel 52, Benny Godler 3/46, Shimon Nigekar 4/35) beat Beersheva (Neil Starkowitz 3/16, Mike Jacob 3/11).

Russian takes pentathlon crown

Dmitry Syrovatskiy of Russia swept by his started rivals in the final cross-country run to snatch the men's title in the world championships in Sheffield yesterday. He relegated Christophe Ruer of France to the silver medal, with Hungary's János Martinek, the 1988 Olympic champion, taking the bronze.

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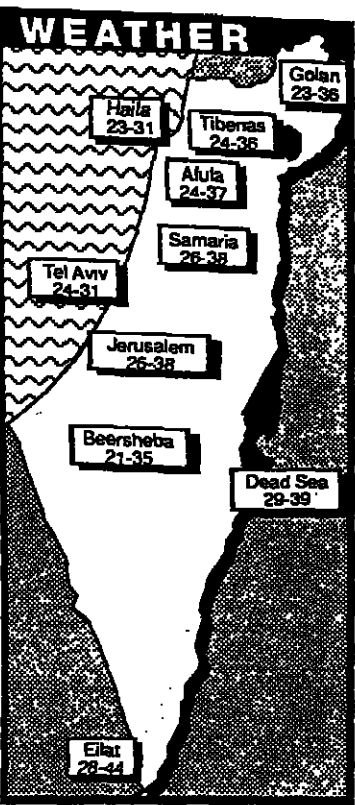
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